



Marek's The Vortex Group celebrates its tenth year in business; Adds Skorobohaty as principal/Stuart as executive director

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The Vortex Group is celebrating ten years in business. The Vortex Group has served as a trusted partner to countless companies - including leading law firms and financial institutions. The company has negotiated for 2.5 million s/f of office space throughout the city.

"I launched The Vortex Group with a vision to provide tenants with exceptional representation in commercial transactions," said president and founder, Rick Marek. "Reflecting back on how far we have come, I am proud of the many successful transactions we have completed and our role in helping tenants grow and prosper."

Along with the celebration of a decade in business, The Vortex Group has also make important additions to their powerhouse team. Specifically, they are proud to welcome Scott Skorobohaty as principal, and Joshua Stuart as executive director.

Skorobohaty comes to the firm with 25 years of commercial banking experience. He is an important addition to the team and adds sales and business acumen to help lead Vortex Group into its next phase of growth.

"My strong commercial banking foundation gives me great confidence in this partnership and I look forward to assisting my network with their real estate requirements in New York City," said Skorobohaty. Skorobohaty was previously an executive vice president at BankUnited, a \$12.3 billion asset commercial bank headquartered in Florida. Prior to that he contributed to North Fork Bank's growth in Manhattan sourcing billions of dollars in deposits and loans as well as growing the franchise through 2006 when it was acquired by Capital One.

Stuart, a new executive director at The Vortex Group, brings a decade of experience representing corporate tenants in a diverse mix of industries including insurance, financial services, legal, and technology. In his new role, he represents corporate tenants in complex lease transactions. Stuart completed a 15,000 s/f transaction for Old Republic Insurance Company at 199 Water St. during the first quarter of 2013.

"I am passionate about working with businesses to coordinate their commercial lease transactions," said Stuart. "By focusing on tenant only representation, we are able to negotiate advantageous rent packages and help position our customers and clients for success."

In addition to the growth of its executive team, The Vortex Group's customer roster has also expanded, reaching into practically every business sector. In fact, in recent months, The Vortex Group has completed the following transactions:

- * Akerman Senterfitt, LLP has leased over 60,000 s/f at 666 Fifth Ave.
- * Zeichner Ellman & Krause, LLP has leased 42,435 s/f at 1211 Avenue of the Americas
- * Schoeman, Updike & Kaufman, LLP has leased 16,018 s/f at 551 Fifth Ave.

- * Learning Express has leased 14,462 s/f at 2 Rector St.
- * Collier Capital, Inc. has leased 11,542 s/f at 950 Third Ave.
- * Story Worldwide LLC has leased 10,000 s/f at 48 West 25th St.
- * Madison Equities has leased 7,850 s/f at 105 Madison Ave.

"We could have never survived and prospered through an entire decade without the trust and support of tenants including, among many others, Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker LLP, Rockefeller Brothers Fund, Tweedy, Browne Company LLC and Lazard Freres & Co., LLC," said Scott Grayson, principal and co-founder. "If our past is any indication of the future, ours has never looked brighter."

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