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## **Romer Debbas names Kirkpatrick a partner, welcomes Nguyen and Peters as new associates**

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Steven Kirkpatrick,  
Romer Debbas LLP

New York, NY According to Romer Debbas LLP, attorney Steven Kirkpatrick has been named a partner. The firm has also expanded its agency lending practice led by partner Christian Daglieri, Esq. with the recent hiring of two new associates, Christina Nguyen and George Peters.

“We are very excited to add a lawyer of Steven’s caliber to the firm,” said Michael Romer, Esq. “He will be a great addition to both our commercial real estate and litigation departments.”

Kirkpatrick will represent property owners, management companies, financial institutions, retailers, hotels and commercial office tenants in a wide variety of matters. Prior to joining Romer Debbas, Kirkpatrick was a partner at Belkin Burden Wenig & Goldman, LLP, and previously counsel at Greenberg Traurig, LLP, where he represented building owners and commercial tenants in litigation, administrative agency and transactional matters, including landlord-tenant disputes, ADA and human rights litigation, DHCR proceedings, and performing due diligence for acquisitions of rent regulated properties. He has been named in Super Lawyers for the past eight years. He also currently serves as chair of the Litigation Subcommittee of the New York City Bar Association, Real Estate Committee, and as a member of the New York City Building Department’s 2017-2018 Construction Codes Revision Committee – Administrative and Enforcement Advisory Committee. Kirkpatrick earned his law degree from New York Law School and a master of laws (LL.M.) degree in taxation from New York University School of Law. He is licensed to practice law in New York and New Jersey.

“We are excited about the addition of two new associates to our expanding agency commercial lending practice,” said Christian Daglieri. “These great additional team members afford us the ability to continue building our reputation in the field while also expanding into other areas.”

Nguyen joins the firm as an associate attorney in the agency’s Lending Department where she will focus on representing agency and institutional lenders on commercial real estate finance transactions across the United States. Nguyen formerly worked for Weber Dowd Law in New Jersey focusing on commercial real estate acquisitions, landlord tenant disputes, and government law

specifically with municipalities and civil litigation. Nguyen graduated from St. John's University School of Law in 2016 and began her legal career as a Dean's Fellow for the St. John's University School of Law Securities Arbitration Clinic. She received the Catholic Lawyers' Guild Scholarship, Flushing Lawyers Endowed Scholarship and NAPABA (National Asian Pacific American Bar Association) UPS/NLF Gold Mountain Scholarship during law school. Nguyen received a bachelor's degree in 2012 from St. John's University, graduating in three years with Magna Cum Laude and Dean's List for all semesters. She was a member of Phi Eta Sigma Freshman Honor Society, College of Professional Studies Honor Society and Lambda Epsilon Chi Legal Honor Society. In addition, Nguyen is a member of the Korean American Lawyers Association of Greater New York, where she served as Gala committee chair and social media coordinator.

George Peters joins the firm as an associate attorney in the agency's Lending Department where he will focus on representing agency and institutional lenders on commercial real estate finance transactions across the United States. Before joining Romer Debbas, Peters worked at Shearman & Sterling LLP's New York real estate group where he drafted and analyzed purchase and sale agreements, service contracts, and commercial leases in connection with acquisitions, dispositions, leases and joint ventures of private REITs. Peters graduated from Brooklyn Law School in 2018 where he negotiated loan agreements, resolved title issues and amended corporate documents for HDFCs as a member of Brooklyn Law School's Corporate and Real Estate Clinic. He received a bachelor's degree in 2013 from SUNY Cortland in Political Science and Business Management where he graduated Cum Laude and made Dean's List for six semesters. He was also a Member of the National Political Science Honor Society Pi Sigma Alpha. Peters is a member of the New York City Bar Association and International Council of Shopping Centers.

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