



Romer Debbas elevates Tadros Awad, Modafferi and Szczesny as partners

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Sarah Tadros Awad

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Manhattan, NY Romer Debbas, LLP, said that Sarah Tadros Awad, Kacey Modafferi, and Steven Szczesny have been named partners in the firm, exemplifying the firm's prioritization of championing female leadership in the industry, as well as their continued growth and commitment to the residential real estate practice.

"We are excited to be a part of our new partner's professional development and to see what each of these talented attorneys will accomplish in the years to come." said co-managing partner Pierre Debbas.

Honoring the success of these attorneys individually, he said, “Sarah joined us at the onset of the pandemic and rose to the occasion amid a challenging time for the industry. Having closed our largest deal of the year and one of our firm’s largest deals to date, she is someone I admire professionally and personally. Both Kacey and Steven joined the firm through our 2022 merger with Katz & Matz. Since that time, both have excelled as attorneys; Kacey developing a popular and highly respected business in the Brooklyn market, and Steven as a leader amongst his peers in the firm and an excellent networker.”

A member of the bar in both New York and New Jersey, Sarah Tadros Awad, Esq. is co-founder of Romer Debbas’ Women in Real Estate Group (RD W.I.R.E), an employee resource group with the purpose of creating a welcoming and empowering workplace culture for women at the firm. As partner in the firm’s residential real estate department, Tadros Awad specializes in assisting buyers, sellers and lending institutions involved in residential real estate transactions. She is an expert in pre-contract due diligence, contract negotiations, and closings, having handled countless transactions start to finish and knowing the importance of keeping both the client and broker informed throughout. Tadros Awad’s closed a \$50 million purchase in 2023, one of the highest priced transactions ever at the firm. She is a graduate of New York Law School.

Kacey Modafferi, Esq. is a member of the bar in both New York and New Jersey and partner in the firm’s residential real estate department. With vast experience in the representation of buyers and sellers in the purchase and sale of condos, co-ops and multi-family housing, she is committed to making the process enjoyable and stress-free for her clients. She prides herself on being attentive and accessible, and in taking a team approach to getting the deal closed. Modafferi has represented institutional lenders in consolidation, extension and modification agreements; real property/cooperative apartment refinances; and home equity line closings. She served as counsel and transfer agent to cooperative corporations, advocated for lenders in foreclosure settlement conferences, and represented individuals in real estate and commercial litigation. Modafferi is a graduate of Brooklyn Law School.

Steven Szczesny, Esq. brings a diversity of legal experience to Romer Debbas, having worked in the public sector with the NYPD, in politics with congressman Steve Israel, and as a litigator prevailing in over 85% of his cases. As a partner in the firm’s residential real estate department, Steven harnesses his trial acumen to inspire an attention to detail, responsiveness, efficiency and transparency in each transaction. He is respected by clients and colleagues for his professional demeanor, knowledge and upbeat attitude. Szczesny is admitted to practice in New York and in all four Federal Districts in New York.

Recently recognized by The Real Deal as New York City’s second most active firm overseeing \$1.61 billion in sales amid 536 residential and commercial transactions, up from the fifth rank in 2022, Romer Debbas LLP is New York City’s largest dedicated residential and commercial real estate practice, and they are growing in a strategic and thoughtful way.

Romer represents a broad range of clients in connection with the acquisition, sale, lease,

development and/or financing of commercial land residential properties. Such clients include both domestic and foreign individuals buying for residential or investment purposes as well as institutional and private equity clients. In addition, Michael has a long history of representing prominent financial institutions in commercial and residential lending transactions including some of the most exclusive private banks and wealth management divisions in the country.

Debbas practice focuses on the purchase and sale of commercial and residential real estate in New York City, commercial leasing, real estate related financing matters, representation of cooperative and condominium boards, foreign investors and small businesses. Over the course of his career, Pierre has been involved in thousands of real estate transactions and is instrumental in his firm's annual ranking as one of the top transactional firms based on volume of transactions closed in NYC.

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