



LARKEN ASSOCIATES ADDS IN-HOUSE CORPORATE COUNSEL TO BOLSTER COMMERCIAL LEASING

BRANCBURG, NJ, November 11, 2020 — Larken Associates announces the hiring of Jessica Battaglia as Corporate Counsel. Necessitated by the firm's high commercial leasing velocity across its diverse, multi-state portfolio, the hiring of Ms. Battaglia will increase efficiency throughout the leasing process and enhance the capabilities of the firm's in-house real estate brokerage division, Raider Realty.

As Corporate Counsel, Ms. Battaglia will be working closely with Raider Realty, Larken Associates' in-house leasing team, to streamline the leasing process for the company's almost 3-million-square-foot office, industrial, and retail rental portfolio. Previously utilizing third-party attorneys for legal review of leasing documents, Larken Associates' addition of Jessica provides its leasing team with added efficiency throughout all stages of the leasing process. In her new role, Jessica will be tasked with conducting legal review of documentation pertaining to commercial tenants and their commercial rental leases. Additionally, Jessica will review tenant attorney comments and revisions throughout the lease negotiation process. Jessica will also provide strategic counsel through the interpretation of federal, state, and local mandates and statutes surrounding COVID-19.

Prior to joining Larken Associates, Ms. Battaglia was Senior Counsel at Paris Ackerman, LLP and practiced law at other prominent New Jersey law firms, including Jardim, Meisner & Susser, P.C., Greenbaum Rowe, Smith & Davis, LLP and Hill Wallack, LLP. She is admitted to practice law in New Jersey and the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey. Jessica earned her Juris Doctorate degree from Seton Hall University School of Law and graduated magna cum laude from Rider University with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and English Literature.

"With such an expansive commercial portfolio, we are always searching for ways to make our leasing process as easy and fast as possible," said David Gardner, President and Chief Executive Officer of Larken Associates. "Through the addition of Ms. Battaglia and bringing the legal review of leases in-house, we are removing a significant hurdle for our leasing team that will ensure their continued operational excellence and that the execution of lease deals can be done more agilely and efficiently, especially in an increasingly fast-paced real estate landscape."

For over 25 years, Raider Realty has been the in-house real estate brokerage division of Larken Associates. With a broad-based knowledge of property leasing and sales, as well as regional marketing and development expertise, Raider Realty provides comprehensive commercial and residential real estate services. Backed by exceptional transaction skills, Raider Realty's services include site selection, acquisition, development and property management.

About Larken Associates

Larken Associates is a regional leader in commercial and residential real estate building, development and management. Leveraging over 50 years of experience, they are dedicated to bringing great spaces to live and work to life through a long-term ownership strategy and full suite of in-house capabilities.



With a diverse commercial portfolio consisting of nearly three million square feet and 800 tenants across office, industrial, retail and mixed-use and approximately 2,000 owned and/or managed residential units across 22 unique communities, Larken Associates' is deeply committed to the communities in which they work as well as the tenants and residents who call their buildings home.

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