

# News Release

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### Avison Young welcomes New York City-based Elissa Port and Erik Edeen to its 2020 Principal class

Port and Edeen join more than 600 Principals at leading Principal-owned and -led global commercial real estate firm

New York, NY - Avison Young has named two new Principals in the firm's New York City office. Robert Slaughter, Chief Legal Officer, announced that Elissa Port, Legal Counsel, is now a Principal, and Mitti Liebersohn, President and Managing Director of Avison Young's New York City Operations, announced that Erik Edeen, Director of Tri-State Investment Sales Operations, has been named a Principal.

The distinction marks an important milestone at the leading Principal-owned and -led global commercial real estate firm. As a private and Principal-led organization, the firm's culture is built on collaboration and taking a longer-term view to meet client needs.

"We're very pleased that Elissa and Erik are being recognized for their accomplishments by being named Principals in our New York City office," Liebersohn said. "Elissa has been at the forefront of Avison Young's expansion, including last year's acquisition of UK-based GVA, while Erik has been responsible for increasing the scale of our Tri-State Investment Sales Division."

Port, who joined Avison Young in 2018, specializes in corporate transactional matters and acts as a liaison to Avison Young's international offices. "I am proud to become a Principal and look forward to contributing to Avison Young's continued success," Port said.

Slaughter added. "Elissa is a very talented transactional attorney who has been a great addition to the Avison Young legal function. She is a key contributor to execution of Avison Young's growth strategy."

Edeen joined Avison Young in 2014 and coordinates the day-to-day operations of the 36-person Tri-State Investment Sales Division.

"Avison Young's Principal structure is particularly appealing because it represents a mutual investment in the company and individual's success," Edeen said. "The network and partnership the AY platform provides is an asset in an environment of increasing global connectivity."

Avison Young has more than 600 Principals globally. Principals of Avison Young are industry leaders who exemplify the firm's partnership structure, collaborative culture and client-centric business model. In addition, Principals have distinguished themselves in their fields of expertise while embracing the company's dedication to corporate social responsibility and sustainability.



Avison Young is the world's fastest-growing commercial real estate services firm. Headquartered in Toronto, Canada, Avison Young is a collaborative, global firm owned and operated by its Principals. Founded in 1978, with legacies dating back more than 200 years, the company comprises approximately 5,000 real estate professionals in 108 offices in 14 countries. The firm's experts provide value-added, client-centric investment sales, leasing, advisory, management and financing services to clients across the office, retail, industrial, multifamily and hospitality sectors.

Avison Young is a 2019 winner of the Canada's Best Managed Companies Platinum Club designation, having retained its Best Managed designation for eight consecutive years.

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