



Keeney, Illes and Colson Join Cassidy Turley BRE Commercial

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Jerry Keeney, Jack Illes and Ed Colson, Jr. have joined Cassidy Turley BRE Commercial as part of the firm's strategy to expand its real estate services.

Keeney joins the company's Office and Life Sciences Division, working out of the firm's UTC headquarters. His focus is on tenant representation with an emphasis on the legal and life science industries. Prior to joining Cassidy Turley BRE Commercial, Keeney was Senior Vice President at CB Richard Ellis from 2001 to 2009. He rejoined CB Richard Ellis in 2001 following career opportunities that took him to Asia and Hawaii.

In 1993, Keeney was recruited by Jones Lang LaSalle - Hong Kong to establish the company's corporate real estate practice representing US and European multi-nationals across the Asia Pacific region. While in Asia, he also founded the local office of The John Buck Company, working on behalf of corporate users and landowners in major Asian markets. The John Buck Company was sold to Morgan Stanley in 1998. Following his time in Asia, Keeney managed CB Richard Ellis's Hawaii office. He returned to CB Richard Ellis – San Diego in 2001.

Illes leads Cassidy Turley BRE Commercial's newly developed Urban Strategies Group in the company's downtown office. The team specializes in providing real estate strategies for owners, users and investors of retail, hospitality, creative office and mixed-use properties in the urban and coastal areas of Southern California.

In 1983, Illes began a 17-year career with The Ernest Hahn Company, participating in the creation of many of the most significant and award-winning retail and entertainment projects built in the United States and abroad. Prior to joining Cassidy Turley BRE Commercial, Illes founded Urban Labs in 2001, which specialized in urban real estate strategy, design and planning. In 2006 he joined an Urban Labs hospitality client to help create The Hardage Group, where he handled the planning and design of three waterfront hotel and retail projects in San Diego and Los Angeles, as well as a mixed-use project in Salt Lake City.

Colson, Jr. joins Cassidy Turley BRE Commercial's Net Leased Investment Group, working out of the company's UTC headquarters. He comes to the company from Single Net Properties, where he spent eight years specializing in single and multi-tenant, net leased investment properties throughout the western United States, emphasizing in retail. He successfully handled nearly \$300 mil in net leased investment transactions while working at Single Net Properties. Colson, Jr. will continue to represent developers and investors in the acquisition and disposition of investment properties.