



NY Litigation Firm Combines With Real Estate Boutique, Adding 8 Lawyers, The Recorder

What You Need to Know

- Kaufman Dolowich Voluck has acquired eight lawyers from Greenberg, Whitcombe, Takeuchi & Gibson.
- As part of the combination, Kaufman Dolowich added a 13th office in Torrance, which is staffed by a total of 14 lawyers.
- Greenberg Whitcombe will significantly strengthen Kaufman Dolowich's real estate capabilities in California, the firm said.

Kaufman Dolowich Voluck, a Long Island, New York-based litigation firm, has acquired an eight-lawyer team from real estate boutique Greenberg, Whitcombe, Takeuchi & Gibson. The combination follows a slew of other small, midsize and regional firms kicking off 2022 with growth, expansion or merger deals.

Name partners John Whitcombe, Richard Greenberg, and Michael Gibson join Kaufman Dolowich with partners Michael Adler, Joel Luna Benivedes, Samantha Lamberg, Michael Weinberger and counsel Jeffrey Parker, as well as four support staff. Derrick Takeuchi, the firm's other name partner, has a highly specialized practice serving Japanese business clients. As a result, he will practice independently and continue to associate with his former colleagues to assist him with litigation matters and general business consultation, according to Whitcombe.

As part of the tie-up, 196-attorney Kaufman Dolowich has added its 13th office in Torrance, where Greenberg Whitcombe was previously based. Six lawyers from Kaufman Dolowich's Los Angeles office will also work out of the South Bay office, including Andrew Waxler, who will serve as co-managing partner of the outpost alongside Barry Brodosky. Waxler, who started merger discussions with Whitcombe last summer, said Kaufman Dolowich sought to expand its private-sector growth, while Greenberg Whitcombe wanted to "identify a successor into which its 40-plus-year business and real estate practice would benefit from expanded services and litigation capability."

In particular, Greenberg Whitcombe identified a need for additional litigators, including experienced trial counsel for labor and employment, business and real estate disputes and trust litigation, with particular strength in alternative dispute resolution, all of which "[Kaufman Dolowich] brings to the table with a qualified and deep bench," Waxler said. [PLEASE CLICK LINK TO READ FULL ARTICLE](#)