

Whiteford Hires 6 Lazare Potter Partners In NYC

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Law360 (October 1, 2026, 9:00 AM EDT) -- East Coast firm Whiteford Taylor & Preston LLP announced Thursday that it has added six New York City attorneys from business law firm Lazare Potter Glazer & Moyle LLP ahead of an office relocation that it calls "part of the firm's continued growth in the market."

Whiteford's newest partners are David E. Potter, a trial lawyer and former prosecutor who advises on business and employment matters; Johannes K. Gäbel, a corporate lawyer qualified to practice in Germany and New York who advises European and U.S. clients on cross-border acquisitions and financings; and James F. Moyle, an adviser on commercial and securities litigation, regulatory investigations and employment matters and arbitrations.

Also joining the firm are Jaipat Singh Jain, a transactions lawyer focused on U.S.-India business; Anna Pia D. Felix, a commercial litigator with additional expertise in regulatory matters; and Jacob Englander, a former assistant city corporation counsel focused on commercial litigation and employment law.

"We spent almost 12 months in continuous getting-to-know-you discussions, meetings and activities, both professionally and socially, so that we could see if it was a good fit for both us and for them, because we don't typically do acquisitions; we don't take large groups of lawyers," New York managing partner Paul Nussbaum told Law360 Pulse. "What we do is we take a close look at lateral candidates of all statuses — equity partner, non-equity partner, counsel — and we consider them on an individual level."

Nussbaum said the New York office initiated an expansion strategy at the start of last year. The team has since grown to nearly 26 lawyers in the city and plans to move into a new office at 535 Madison Ave. early next year.

Whiteford stays competitive in a market like New York City in part by giving senior lawyers discretion to set their own rates within certain parameters set by the firm, according to Nussbaum, who said this often appeals to younger senior lawyers.

"We have a very entrepreneurial and flexible platform for our attorneys to practice, and it makes for an excellent opportunity for growth of individual practices and for practitioners," he added.

Whiteford also expanded outside the East Coast earlier this year with a new office in Denver. In a statement, managing partner Martin Fletcher said the firm is "expanding with our clients, our markets and our reputation."

"This team validates our approach," he said of the six new partners. "Whiteford's platform is designed to help grow and protect our clients' businesses, providing opportunity through scale, expertise and a focus on delivering real value to middle-market businesses."

Moyle, an alum of both Alston & Bird LLP and Clifford Chance US LLP, according to his LinkedIn profile, said in a statement that his team was attracted to "the strength and quality" of Whiteford's platform.

"I spent two decades at top global firms," he added. "Responsiveness, efficiency and results drive growth, especially in New York's competitive legal market. Whiteford's platform delivers exactly that."

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