



News Release

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**CNL COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE STRENGTHENS
DALLAS OFFICE BROKERAGE**

-- Two commercial real estate veterans join CNL's Dallas office --

(ORLANDO, Fla.) March 20, 2012 – CNL Commercial Real Estate has added Jim Vanderslice and Will Sale, two real estate veterans and both former Grubb & Ellis brokers, to its growing Dallas office.

“We are fortunate to not only add two great professionals to our service platform, but we’re also gaining top producers who fit in our deep, long-standing culture of providing the highest degree of service for our clients,” said Jimmy Grisham, managing director of CNL Commercial Real Estate’s southwestern region, headquartered in Dallas. “This is a great match of skill sets, talents and personalities. We look forward to working closely with Jim and Will and continuing to differentiate ourselves in the market.”

Vanderslice, who has more than 30 years of commercial real estate experience and served as senior vice president at Grubb & Ellis, joins CNL Commercial Real Estate as a principal within the office brokerage team. Vanderslice has represented companies such as Wells Fargo, Sony Electronics and Bracewell & Giuliani, and has extensive experience in both domestic and international markets.

“Throughout my career in commercial real estate, I’ve learned to identify the attributes of successful firms, and CNL has all of these,” said Vanderslice. “They have tremendous team spirit, extraordinary client service and business integrity, and they only attract the best talent. As I learn more about CNL, I am more and more grateful to be part of a successful and growing firm that delivers real estate expertise to our clients.”

Sale has represented both office and retail clients in the Dallas and Fort Worth areas and will join the CNL team as a vice president. He brings more than 13 years of experience in the Dallas commercial real estate market and most recently served as a vice president at Grubb & Ellis.

“Career moves are never easy, but with CNL’s entrepreneurial spirit, dedicated leadership and deep roots in the Dallas community, I knew this was the right group to partner with to deliver the highest level of service to my clients and future clients,” said Sale. “I am very excited to be part of this team as they continue to expand their footprint in the Dallas and Fort Worth markets.”

About CNL Commercial Real Estate

CNL Commercial Real Estate offers a full range of commercial real estate services, including leasing and management, tenant representation, project management, facilities management and brokerage services, as well as a development and investment platform. It operates in all sectors of commercial real estate, including office, retail, industrial and multifamily.

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