



Pioneering Construction and Engineering Lawyer Josh Leavitt Joins Jupiter Board of Advisors

*As a Renowned Thought Leader in Resilience Engineering Standards, Leavitt
Supports Clients in the Prompt Adaptation to Growing Physical Climate Risk Challenges*

San Mateo, CA - August 2, 2021: [Jupiter](#), the leading provider of predictive data and analytics for climate risk and resilience, announced today that Josh Leavitt has joined the company's Board of Advisors. Leavitt is a legal pioneer on emerging standards of care in the construction and engineering design resiliency of structures that are threatened by extreme weather from climate change as well as the legal ramifications of failing to adapt to climate change.

In a groundbreaking [article for the National Society of Professional Engineers' PE Magazine](#), Leavitt recently wrote, "Climate change advocates are already stating that design professionals and others in the construction and engineering industry must adapt to climate change and consider climate change issues in connection with the services they deliver. If that attitude represents a new standard of care, then the ramifications could be profound."

Leavitt is a principal in the Chicago office of law firm Much Shelist, and chair of its construction law practice. He is a renowned legal authority with over 35 years of construction and engineering law experience. Leavitt has been at the forefront of cutting edge legal issues, like the use of 3D printing in construction. He also has deep experience with contractual delivery systems for infrastructure and other types of construction and engineering projects.

"Recent events such as the February winter storm in Texas and the ongoing degradation of critical infrastructure nationwide show that climate risk engineering and resilience is critically essential for the construction sector," said Rich Sorkin, CEO of Jupiter. "Josh's legal experience and knowledge in the construction and engineering industry will be invaluable to Jupiter's growing roster of commercial clients."

Leavitt represents owners, contractors, architects, engineers, manufacturers, and commercial tenants. His clients have included some of the world's largest contractors and design professionals, and he has experience in matters involving dozens of building systems and technologies, ranging from stone cladding on high-rise and super tall buildings to oil refinery instrumentation and control systems to process piping in alternative energy plants. Leavitt is an Elected Fellow of the American College of Construction Lawyers and served as President of the Society of Illinois Construction Lawyers.

“As buildings, bridges and other infrastructure around the country reveal the wear and vulnerability associated with climate change, the construction and engineering industry has much work to do to prepare for the accelerating challenges,” Leavitt said. “The coming years are likely to see mass migration and new resiliency measures adopted in response to climate change, and the companies that flourish will be the ones that best understand the future dynamics of the physical risk landscape.”

About Jupiter

Jupiter is the global leader in data and analytics services to make informed decisions to anticipate risk from extreme weather, sea-level rise, storm intensification and rising temperatures caused by short, medium and long-term climate change. Jupiter’s ClimateScore™ Intelligence Platform provides sophisticated, dynamic, hyper-local, current- hour-to-50-plus-year probabilistic risk analysis for weather in a changing climate. The company’s FloodScore™, HeatScore™, WindScore™, FireScore™, and ClimateScore Global™ services are used for climate-related risk assessment and management worldwide. Jupiter’s models are based on the latest science, as developed by the global Earth and Ocean Systems science community.

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