

ZETLIN & DE CHIARA LLP

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Zetlin & De Chiara LLP Earns Top Recognition in by *Chambers USA* For The 11th Consecutive Year

New York, NY (May 31, 2017) - Construction law firm [Zetlin & De Chiara LLP](#) announced today that for the 11th consecutive year, the firm has been ranked as a top construction law firm in New York by *Chambers USA*. Additionally, four partners from the firm were ranked as leaders in their fields.

Chambers USA, the leading annual ranking of law firms and individuals in the legal profession, cited Zetlin & De Chiara for its distinguished reputation and its notable strength in handling litigation matters in addition to contract reviews and negotiations. The firm is further acknowledged for providing counsel in a “wide range of public and private sector developments, including retail, infrastructure, industrial and residential projects” on behalf of owners, developers, architects and engineers.

One client polled by the guide asserts, “It’s that personal attention that means so much. They are very, very client-focused and very, very practical. They get the job done and they do a spectacular job.”

Four attorneys from Zetlin & De Chiara were also recognized for their individual accomplishments by *Chambers*:

- **Michael Zetlin** “is well respected for his expertise in both litigation and contractual matters. One client describes him as ‘extremely responsive, hard-working, and a pleasure to deal with,’ and praises his “ability to offer advice that is both technically sound and responsive to our business needs.”
- **Michael De Chiara** “is endorsed by the market as ‘an absolutely spectacular attorney.’ He is recognized for representing prominent architectural and engineering firms in high-stakes construction cases. Construction industry leaders are also impressed with his ability to prevent litigation, with one praising: ‘He’s very effective at getting his counterparts to see the light.’”
- **Raymond Mellon** “is a gifted construction litigator and trial lawyer with vast experience representing design professionals and engineering firms. ‘His experience has given him an incredible broad view of all matters of design and construction,’ notes one client.”
- **Carol Patterson** “acts for a broad range of clients including owners, engineers, architects and contractors on a variety of projects. She is well versed in dispute resolution, contract formation and risk management. A client praises her ‘diligent and meticulous’ approach and adds: ‘She is articulate in all matters of design and construction and has a creativity in looking at six sides of an issue rather than the one right in front of her. A true professional!’”

Chambers USA, a part of the Chambers & Partners global series, ranks both lawyers and law firms based on the research of 150 full-time editors and researchers. They talk to lawyers and clients all year round, conducting in-depth telephone interviews and taking into account the criteria most valued by clients through their in-depth surveys regarding the basis of legal knowledge and experience of individual lawyers, as well as ability, effectiveness and client services demonstrated by departments as a whole.

About Zetlin & De Chiara

[Zetlin & De Chiara LLP](#), a leading construction law firm, provides sophisticated legal counsel and business advice to real estate owners and developers as well as architecture and engineering firms in the

New York Metropolitan area and around the country. Many of its attorneys have direct experience with construction and design issues through their work as in-house construction counsel, education and training as architects and engineers, and by earning LEED accreditation. The firm provides counsel throughout the planning, design, and construction process — from drafting and negotiating contracts to advising on risk management strategies. Zetlin & De Chiara represents clients in litigation and alternative dispute resolution, and also advises on business formation, licensing and corporate issues.

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