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## **Hal Blanchard Joins Zetlin & De Chiara LLP**

NEW YORK – Construction law firm Zetlin & De Chiara LLP is pleased to announce the addition of Hal Blanchard, who joins the firm’s New York office as an Associate.

Mr. Blanchard’s arrival at Zetlin & De Chiara marks his return to private practice after serving as in-house counsel for MTA New York City Transit for the past five years. There, he was responsible for handling all aspects of commercial litigation and arbitration involving construction-related claims and contract disputes, ADA discrimination, class actions filed on behalf of subway riders, and other federal and state court litigation. He also provided advice and counsel to various departments on construction law, contract interpretation, suretyship and others matters of importance to the MTA. Prior to that, he was an attorney in the commercial litigation department of a large New York law firm.

Fluent in Mandarin, Mr. Blanchard spent much of his early career working abroad as a foreign legal consultant to a Chinese law firm in Shanghai, an intern at the Hong Kong Department of Justice, and a linguist at National Taiwan University, and has extensive experience translating legal, financial and technical materials from Chinese into English.

Mr. Blanchard graduated with a J.D. from Fordham University School of Law. He earned an M.A. in East Asian Languages & Culture and a B.A. in English & Comparative Literature and Music, *magna cum laude*, from Columbia University.

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