

# ZETLIN & DE CHIARA LLP

## **Zetlin & De Chiara LLP Senior Partner Raymond T. Mellon Honored by Queens AIA for Efforts in Establishing The Queens Foundation for Architecture**

(New York, NY, December 21, 2018) -- The [Queens Chapter](#) of the American Institute of Architects (AIA Queens) honored its General Counsel [Raymond T. Mellon](#), Senior Partner at [Zetlin & De Chiara LLP](#), on December 13 with a Chapter Citation Award. Mr. Mellon was recognized for his efforts on behalf of AIA Queens to establish the [Queens Foundation for Architecture](#). His legal guidance and advocacy were instrumental to the nonprofit's inception and launch.

Established in 2017, the foundation seeks to engage the next generation of architects by creating, supporting and growing the number of architecture scholarships and local public programs. Its goals include raising public awareness and fostering understanding of the design process; encouraging students and the public to be innovative, transform lives and create a better built environment; paving the way for students to pursue careers in architecture and its related industries; and strengthening partnerships with the public and communities.

Mr. Mellon also serves as a Director on the board of the Queens Foundation for Architecture.

### **About Zetlin & De Chiara LLP**

[Zetlin & De Chiara LLP](#), a leading construction law firm, provides sophisticated legal counsel and business advice to real estate owners and developers, owner's representatives, design professionals, construction managers and contractors 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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