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## **LORYN RIGGIOLA SHARES HER STORY AT WOMEN BUILDER COUNCIL'S OUR STORIES: THE WOMEN OF REAL ESTATE**

(New York – November 26, 2018) Loryn Riggiola, Partner at leading construction law firm Zetlin & De Chiara LLP, spoke on a panel sponsored by the Women Builders Council (WBC) on Monday, November 19. The program, Our Stories: The Women of Real Estate, discussed the changing dynamics of the Real Estate and Construction industries and how to empower women leaders within them. Some of the top women in the industry shared their unique and powerful stories of personal and professional growth.

New York Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul provided welcoming remarks and encouraged the women in attendance to look to a brighter future for women rather than looking back at inequities of the past. *“Let’s expect that 50 percent of the movers and shakers in the real estate and construction industry will be women.”*

Loryn Riggiola recalled that it was her mentor who encouraged her to further her education and pursue a career in law at a time when she did not think that was a realistic option.

*“Along the way you will meet people that will help you. Do not forget them and what they did for you,”* remarked Riggiola. *“It is more than their being your mentor or sponsor at work. They saw something in you.”*

*“One of the first trials I litigated was against a well-known trial lawyer. His strong and powerful presence intimidated me. Instead of pretending to be someone else, I embraced who I was and tackled the trial on my own terms,”* stated Riggiola. *“I was me. My advice is always to do the best you can at your job and be yourself.”*



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

Zetlin & De Chiara provides sophisticated legal and business counsel and advice to the members of the construction community including real estate owners and developers, design professionals, construction managers and contractors, insurance carriers and financial institutions. From the World Trade Center, to the Empire State Building, Hudson Yards and Columbia University's Manhattanville Campus, the firm has played a significant role in building New York's iconic skyline.

### **About the Women Builders Council**

Established in 2004, WBC is the leading association representing women in the construction industry on several important fronts: legislative advocacy, new business and professional development with a special focus on leadership. WBC empowers women and promotes diversity throughout the construction industry. For more information on WBC, please visit [www.wbcnyc.org](http://www.wbcnyc.org).

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