

# ZETLIN & DE CHIARA LLP

## **New York Building Congress to Honor Michael S. Zetlin at 2018 Industry Recognition Gala**

**Michael S. Zetlin**, co-founding Partner of leading construction law firm [Zetlin & De Chiara LLP](#), will be honored on December 5 at the 2018 gala of the [New York Building Congress](#). He is being recognized for his long and storied legal career involving the design and construction industry.

As General Counsel to the Building Congress, he advises the organization on legislation and practices that best serve their members in the industry. It is for his depth of knowledge and experience within the industry that he is being honored.

In addition to serving on the board of the NYBC, he serves on the boards of Pratt Institute and Columbia University's Industry Advisory Committee of Civil Engineering and Engineering Mechanics. Michael Zetlin also serves as General Counsel to the New York Chapter of the AIA. He is a member of the YMCA of Greater New York's Development Committee and Annual Campaign Leadership Council and Lincoln Center's Real Estate & Construction Council. He is also a past board member of the American Bar Association's Forum on the Construction Industry.

He co-founded Zetlin & De Chiara LLP in 1992 with Michael De Chiara. They were quickly joined by partners Raymond Mellon and Carol Patterson.

Michael Zetlin said, "It is a privilege to serve the development community with the attorneys at Zetlin & De Chiara and contribute to New York's rejuvenation during one of its most robust building cycles."

*Best Lawyers in America* named him a 2019 "Lawyer of the Year" for his expertise in New York construction litigation matters.

More than 1,000 people attended last year's New York Building Congress' Industry Recognition Gala. In addition to Mr. Zetlin, this year's honorees include U.S. Senator Charles E. Schumer, Lynne P. Brown Ph.D., and Joseph Malandro and the General Contractors Association of New York. For more information about the event, please visit the [New York Building Congress](#).

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**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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