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## Z&D Special Counsel Patti Harris Wins GDA's Sutherland Award

(New York, NY – September 17, 2019) Patti Harris, Special Counsel to [Zetlin & De Chiara LLP](#) and Founder and CEO of [LicenseSure LLC](#) received The Sutherland Award from the Global Design Alliance in Minneapolis last week. Given in memory of Tom Sutherland, former Chair of the GDA and Managing Principal of DIALOG Design, the award is presented to an individual from a member firm who exemplifies GDA's core purpose of simply being "Better Together."

Joe Lang, Principal of RDG Planning and Design and Chair of the Board of the Global Design Alliance, said "[Patti's] enthusiasm and belief in the values of GDA, along with her willingness to ask the difficult questions and 'do the right thing,' have been instrumental in making GDA the organization it is today."

The Global Design Alliance is an international network of design, planning and construction firms that are committed to fostering dynamic growth and change. The GDA intentionally brings together a diverse group of companies to facilitate trusted partnerships and knowledge sharing amongst the most forward-thinking leaders in the AEC industry.

Zetlin & De Chiara LLP has been a member of the GDA since 2005. Ms. Harris has served on the Executive Committee and as Treasurer. She will be Chair of the organization in 2021.

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