

# ZETLIN & DE CHIARA LLP



Summer turned up the heat at Zetlin & De Chiara LLP where we were involved in two of the most prominent construction cases in the nation. With attorneys airborne between the East and West Coasts, the office has been busy on the ground with client matters, fielding questions from the press, speaking at industry events and supporting community and professional organizations. Even as the temperature outside cools, our high level of activity shows no signs of chilling.

We are pleased to announce that Michael S. Zetlin, Co-Founding Partner, will be honored at the New York Building **Congress 2018 Industry Recognition Gala** for his notable legal career and his impact on the construction industry.

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## Upcoming Events



## COMMERCIAL OBSERVER

**Michael Zetlin will moderate the  
2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Downtown Forum**

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2018 | 7:30 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.**

From the revitalized South Street Seaport to the opening this year of 3 World Trade Center and the now 24/7 neighborhood of the Financial District, Downtown has enjoyed a stunning evolution in recent years, with ongoing surges in development and infrastructure projects. This year, lower Manhattan celebrated its strongest quarter of commercial leasing activity in seven years – TAMI tenants comprised the bulk of the deals – with area vacancies remaining below 10 percent for five straight quarters. Plus, average Class A office space rents are the highest in the market's history, with renewal rates strong and coworking adding to the sector's stability. But that's not to say the Downtown market is without its challenges, as subleases and large blocks of space have driven up availabilities.

### THE SPEAKERS

**Marty Burger**, Chief Executive Officer, Silverstein Properties

**Ric Clark**, Senior Managing Partner & Chairman, Brookfield Property Group & Partners

**Douglas Durst**, Chair, The Durst Organization

**Jessica Lappin**, President, Alliance for Downtown New York

**Bruce Mosler**, Chairman, Global Brokerage, Cushman & Wakefield, Inc.

**Jonathan Resnick**, President, Jack Resnick & Sons

**David R. Weinreb**, CEO, The Howard Hughes Corporation

**REGISTER NOW**

Zetlin & De Chiara LLP teamed with the **Commercial Observer** to share our knowledge with the construction and real estate communities.



In April, **Jaimee Nardiello**, Partner, moderated the “Developing an Experience: How the Industry is Shifting It’s Approach to Retail” panel discussion at **Commercial Observer’s 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Retail Forum**. The panel featured: **Lauren Adams**, Principal and Strategy Director, Gensler, **Michael Goldban**, Head of Retail Leasing, Brookfield Properties Office Division, **Jeffrey D. Roseman**, Executive Vice President, Newmark Knight Frank Retail, **Arnaud Simeray**, Vice President Strategic Partnerships, **Storefront** and **Jeffrey Weinhaus**, Chief Development Officer, Equinox. To read more, [click here](#).



**Michael Zetlin** led a panel of New York real estate leaders who shared their perspectives on issues confronting Midtown development at **Commercial Observer’s 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Midtown Forum**. He was joined on the panel by **David A. Falk**, President New York Tri-State Region, Newmark Knight Frank, **Kenneth Fisher**, Partner, Fisher Brothers, **Marc Holliday**, Chief Executive Officer, SL Green Realty Corp., **Robert T. Lapidus**, President and Chief Investment Officer, L&L Holding Company, LLC and **Scott Rechler**, Chairman & CEO, RXR Realty LLC. To read more, [click here](#).



**Michael Zetlin** moderated **Commercial Observer’s 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Brooklyn, Queens Forum** on new development and investment in the boroughs. The panel discussed the latest leasing and sales activity and which neighborhoods are poised for future growth, and the impact of office development on the retail market. Panelists were **John Brod**, Partner, ABS Partners Real Estate, **Helena Durst**, Principal, The Durst Organization, **Christopher Schlank**, Managing Partner, Savanna and **Shimon Shkury**, Founder and President, Ariel Property Advisors. To read more, [click here](#).

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## ICYMI Continued

Our attorneys write for and are featured in news stories on construction law topics. The following are three examples of the breadth of their expertise.



**Timothy Hegarty**, Partner, published “Public-Private Partnerships and the President’s Infrastructure Draft Bill” in **New Jersey Law Journal**, discussing Trump’s infrastructure plan, the involvement of P3s, the joint bill and the future of infrastructural development in the state of New Jersey. “Infrastructure projects are not garden variety construction,” Hegarty wrote. “By design, P3s blur the line between public and private interests.” To read more, [click here](#).





**James Terry**, Partner, was featured in **The Mann Report**. Terry discusses his career, as well as the benefits of integrating a Project Labor Agreement into your next development. “PLAs are not for every project,” Terry said frankly. “But under the right circumstances with the right preparation, PLAs help owners achieve greater cost savings than would likely otherwise have been obtained through traditional methods of contracting individually with each trade.” To read more, [click here](#).



**Jaimee Nardiello**, Partner, published an article on the use of peer reviews in **The Construction Lawyer**, Journal of the ABA Forum on Construction Law. “[R]eviews are beneficial to multiple parties as they identify potential errors and omissions within design and construction documents,” Nardiello noted, “thereby reducing costs associated with design changes and delays in construction. To read more, [click here](#).

### 3 Recent Recognition

We are proud to announce that the firm was recently recognized by industry publications and rankings.



**Michael Zetlin**  
Co-Founding Partner

**“Lawyer of the Year”** by  
**Best Lawyer in America**  
Litigation - Construction,  
New York City

**Chambers USA**

**Legal 500 USA**

**Best Lawyers in America –**  
**Construction Law & Litigation**



**Michael De Chiara**  
Co-Founding Partner

**Chambers USA**

**Legal 500 USA**

**Best Lawyers in America –**  
**Construction Law & Litigation**



**Raymond Mellon**  
Senior Partner

**Chambers USA**

**Best Lawyers in America –**  
**Construction Law & Litigation**



**Carol Patterson**  
Senior Partner

**Chambers USA**

**Best Lawyers in America –**  
**Construction Law & Litigation**



**Loryn Riggiola**  
Partner

**“Leading Ladies”** by  
Real Estate Weekly

**Best Lawyers in America –  
Construction Law & Litigation**



**James Terry**  
Partner

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**Michael Vardaro**  
Partner

**Legal 500 USA**



**Deena M. Crimaldi**  
Associate

**“Next Generation of  
Women Builders 2018”** by the  
**Women Builders Council (WBC)**

## 4 Building Our Team



**David A. Beatty** joins Zetlin & De Chiara LLP as an Associate. David has experience as a litigation and contract attorney in a broad array of practice areas. He is also an adjunct assistant professor at CUNY Hunter College, where he teaches contract law and negotiable instruments. David earned a B.A. in Psychology from the University at Buffalo and his J.D. from St. John’s University School of Law. He has been published in the Albany Law Review on issues relating to the preservation rule of appellate advocacy and the New York “deviates materially” standard of review for damages.



**Rebecca Ahdoot** joins the firm as an Associate. Ahdoot is a highly experienced litigator representing clients through the dispute resolution process. She earned her B.A. from NYU, majoring in Psychology and Italian and her J.D. from Brooklyn Law School. Ms. Ahdoot, a staunch advocate of diversity in the legal field, was a board member of the Iranian American Bar Association from 2006 to 2018.