

ZETLIN & DE CHIARA LLP

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Zetlin & De Chiara LLP Earns Top Recognition in *Chambers USA* for the 12th Consecutive Year

New York, NY (May 11, 2018) - Construction law firm [Zetlin & De Chiara LLP](#) announced today that for the 12th consecutive year, the firm has been ranked as a top construction law firm in New York by *Chambers USA*. Additionally, four partners from the firm were ranked as leaders in their fields.

Chambers USA, the leading annual ranking of law firms and individuals in the legal profession, cited Zetlin & De Chiara for its distinguished reputation for its representation of architectural and engineering firms, and increasingly owners and developers. The firm is applauded for its strength in handling litigation matters in addition to contract reviews and negotiations. The firm is also noted for its work on a wide range of public and private sector developments, including retail, infrastructure, industrial and residential projects, as well as its expertise in project labor agreements and real estate licensing agreements.

One client polled by the guide asserts, "A great number of design and construction firms work closely with Zetlin & De Chiara, and their legal guidance is well known and highly regarded throughout both industries."

Four attorneys from Zetlin & De Chiara were also recognized for being notable practitioners by *Chambers*:

- **Michael Zetlin** "a qualified engineer as well as an attorney and has published widely on construction law. He is highly recommended for contract drafting and negotiations, and also for his prowess as a litigator."
- **Michael De Chiara** "is recognized for his abilities and experience representing a variety of clients in high-profile domestic and international construction disputes. He is also an accomplished drafter and negotiator of design and construction agreements."
- **Raymond Mellon** "is recommended for his work as a litigator and trial lawyer, often on behalf of engineering firms and design professionals. A client says: 'It has been rewarding and eye-opening to observe the degree of detail and research he undertakes in preparing a case.'"
- **Carol Patterson** "is known for her work on behalf of architects, engineers, owners and contractors on a range of construction matters, including contract formation, risk management and dispute resolution. A client says: 'She is a strong strategist and has guided our practice through numerous difficult situations to a successful outcome.'"

Chambers USA, a part of the Chambers & Partners global series, ranks both lawyers and law firms based on the research of 150 full-time editors and researchers. They talk to lawyers and clients all year round, conducting in-depth telephone interviews and taking into account the criteria most valued by clients through their in-depth surveys regarding the basis of legal knowledge and experience of individual lawyers, as well as ability, effectiveness and client services demonstrated by departments as a whole.

About Zetlin & De Chiara

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

other parties involved in construction projects in the United States and internationally. 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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