

# ZETLIN & DE CHIARA LLP

*For Immediate Release*

## **Zetlin & De Chiara Partner James Rowland Honored for Business Leadership by the Queens Centers for Progress**

New York, NY – [James H. Rowland](#), partner at construction law firm [Zetlin & De Chiara LLP](#), was honored by the [Queens Centers for Progress \(QCP\)](#) with its 2017 Business Leadership Award at the non-profit's annual gala on June 27<sup>th</sup> at Terrace on the Park. QCP, formerly known as United Cerebral Palsy of Queens, provides services and support to children and adults who have developmental disabilities, promoting their independence, community involvement and quality of life.

In his introductory remarks, QCP Board President Michael J. Macaluso, RA, noted James' service to design professionals, owners/developers and the construction industry.

James spoke of his continuing passion for the law and how fortunate he was to find a home at Zetlin & De Chiara. He also discussed the profound impact of two events on his life: the recent passing of his brother John, an NYPD 9/11 first responder, and a visit to QCP to meet with their staff and the children who participate in their exceptional programs. He challenged the audience to follow the lead of both his brother and QCP to try to positively impact the lives of everyone around them.

"I want to congratulate James on his award from the QCP, a well-deserved recognition from a wonderful organization. Also, his speech put a spotlight on unique individuals with real difficulties and hardships who persevere and achieve meaningful lives. They are an inspiration to all of us," said Raymond T. Mellon, Senior Partner at Zetlin & De Chiara.

James accepted the 2017 Business Leadership Award on behalf of his clients, partners, friends and family, thanking them for their continued and unwavering support and for allowing him to succeed.

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

[Zetlin & De Chiara LLP](#), a leading construction law firm, provides sophisticated legal counsel and business advice to real estate owners and developers as well as architecture and engineering firms 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.

### **Media Contacts:**

Andrea K. Stimmel - Zetlin & DeChiara LLP  
astimmel@ZDLAW.com

Ilyse Fink-- LAK Public Relations, Inc.  
ifink@lakpr.com

###