



Members of the Future of Labor in Construction panel. From left to right: Charles F. Murphy, Sabrina L. Kanner, Jay Badame, Michael K. De Chiara

## Summer

is fast approaching. While we look forward to lazy days in the sun, Zetlin & De Chiara is heating up now with a plethora of events, publications, press coverage, new lawyers, and well-earned recognition for members of the firm. We kicked off the season with a major industry event, Outlook 2017: The Future of Labor in Construction at the Union League Club. The event featured industry leaders who spoke frankly about what the labor force in New York will look like as owners and developers continue the march to build into New York's complex bedrock. Highlights of what is happening at the firm can be found below.

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### Zetlin & De Chiara LLP Hosts The Future of Labor in Construction

Industry leaders discuss balancing rising construction costs while maintaining a highly-skilled workforce for complex, urban projects.

Zetlin & De Chiara LLP hosted a panel of New York City's leading real estate owners and developers, builders and union professionals on Wednesday, May 31, 2017 at the Union League Club to examine the state of union labor in New York and its impact on building. The breakfast forum was moderated by co-founding partner **Michael K. De Chiara**.

Presenters included: **Richard T. Anderson**, past president of the New York Building Congress; **Jay Badame**, AECOM Chairman; **Sabrina L. Kanner**, Brookfield Properties; **Gary LaBarbera**, Building and Construction Trades Council of Greater New York; **Steve Molinis**, the New York City District Council of Carpenters; **Joseph G. Mizzi**, Sciacme Construction; **Charles F. Murphy**, Turner Construction Company; and **Edward V. Piccolich**, St. Green Realty Corp.

**De Chiara** guided the engaging discussion. "Organized labor is critical for the industry. We need to make sure workers have the skills and training, that they have the proper tools to get the job done right. It's not good for New York and it's not good for business when the safety and integrity of a complex projects is compromised by cutting corners, even for budgeting purposes. This conversation is about how to address the rising costs of construction in New York, while still maintaining a highly skilled, qualified work force..."

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### Zetlin & De Chiara Partner Jaimee Nardiello Honored

New York, NY (May 18, 2017) - Jaimee L. Nardiello, partner at construction law firm Zetlin & De Chiara LLP was named an Outstanding Woman in the Building Industry by the Women Builders Council at its Annual Champions Dinner on May 16, 2017...

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### Ramsen Youash Joins Zetlin & De Chiara in New York

New York, NY (May 2, 2017) - Zetlin & De Chiara LLP, a leading national construction law firm, is pleased to announce the addition of Ramsen Youash to the firm's New York office...

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## Zetlin & De Chiara in the Press



### What role will union construction play in the NYC of tomorrow?

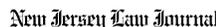
New York, NY (May 31, 2017) - At the panel — hosted by law firm Zetlin & De Chiara and moderated by founding partner Michael De Chiara — former New York Building Congress president Richard Anderson said there was good news: building permits are finally up, 145,000 people are working on job sites throughout the boroughs and the office market is strong with big-ticket projects in the pipeline. "What could threaten this kind of a robust portrait?" he asked. The answer, panelists said, was sky-high costs...



### Non-union construction pushing into commercial real estate

Open shop construction, an arrangement where both union and non-union firms work different portions of a job site, has become commonplace in residential projects as developers look to cut costs on wages.

Now, there are signs that the model may soon migrate to the commercial sector, further loosening the grip of union labor on the New York City market...



### 'Kindred' Case Highlights SCOTUS' Clash With States Over Arbitration

The U.S. Supreme Court has declared its frustration with state courts that fail to share its views on arbitration, but opinions differ on whether its latest ruling on the subject will compel the New Jersey Supreme Court to change directions.

The justices' May 15 decision in Kindred Nursing Centers v. Clark was seen as a rebuke to state courts that strike down arbitration agreements. New Jersey's Supreme Court finds itself squarely in the middle of the conflict with a series of decisions limiting application of arbitration clauses in recent years...

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## Firm Recognition

### Zetlin & De Chiara's Construction Law Expertise Recognized by Legal 500 US

New York, NY (June 2, 2017) - Zetlin & De Chiara LLP has been recognized as a leading construction law firm in the Legal 500 US 2017 guide, a highly regarded legal directory which annually rates law firms and legal professionals...

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### Zetlin & De Chiara LLP Earns Top Recognition by Chambers USA For The 11<sup>th</sup> Consecutive Year

New York, NY (May 31, 2017) - Construction law firm Zetlin & De Chiara LLP announced today that for the 11<sup>th</sup> 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...

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