



Crain's Honors Richard Kalinowski and Chengdong Xing, Z&D Associates in Their Rising Stars in Real Estate List

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New York, NY (July 27, 2020) - Construction law firm [Zetlin and De Chiara LLP](#) announced today that [Richard Kalinowski](#), and [Chengdong Xing](#), Associates at the firm, were selected for [Crain's 2020 list of Rising Stars in Real Estate](#). The honorees were highlighted for being “drivers of New York’s real estate engine—those individuals whose grit and ingenuity power the region’s progress and the industry’s growth.”

According to Crain’s:

“Richard Kalinowski works at the junction of law, engineering and construction, wielding an expertise in all three fields to the benefit of his clients. At Zetlin & De Chiara, Kalinowski represents design professionals, contractors, and real estate owners and developers. Undergraduate degrees in civil and architectural engineering frequently inform his legal work. Kalinowski’s first step on his career path was an internship at the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey’s litigation department, where he worked on complex construction disputes, among other matters. Before attending law school at Seton Hall, he was an engineering consultant for roadway, bridge and infrastructure design and construction. Kalinowski is an active member of the American Bar Association’s Construction Litigation Committee.

C.D. Xing is one of a smattering of China-U.S. dual-qualified attorneys practicing construction law. At Zetlin & De Chiara, he represents developers, designers, architects, engineers and contractors in legal matters ranging from contractual risks to dispute resolution. Xing, who is fluent in Mandarin and English, previously served as in-house counsel for a leading construction firm in Shanghai, where he was involved in domestic and international landmark projects throughout their life cycles. He co-chairs the Asian Affairs Committee of the New York City Bar Association, where he helps shape law and public policy.”

Zetlin & De Chiara LLP provides sophisticated legal counsel and business advice to members of the construction community including real estate owners and developers, design professionals, construction managers, contractors as well as financial institutions. Regularly recognized as a leading law firm in matters relating to construction in all sectors, Zetlin & De Chiara provides counsel throughout the planning, design, and construction process — from drafting and negotiating contracts to advising on risk management strategies. Zetlin & De Chiara also represents clients in litigation and alternative dispute resolution, and also advises on business formation, licensing and corporate issues.

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