


## Jaimee L. Nardiello

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Jaimee L. Nardiello is a Partner at Zetlin & De Chiara LLP. She focuses her practice on disputes involving construction, contracts, and environmental/energy laws. She manages litigations from inception and has worked on some through trial, developing and executing strategy, and advocating on behalf of clients in court. Ms. Nardiello represents clients in all stages of commercial litigation. She has a proven track record for winning dismissals, mitigating liability, and preserving the reputations of her clients.

Ms. Nardiello negotiates contracts in transactions for high-profile construction projects. She also advocates for design professionals in complex intellectual property disputes.

Ms. Nardiello is a leader in the construction industry. She serves as Chair of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee of the American Bar Association's Forum on Construction Law and is a former member of the Governing Committee. She is also a past president and current member of the Executive Board of Commercial Real Estate Women of New York (CREW) the leading organization for professional women in commercial real estate in New York City. Ms. Nardiello is a Past Chair of the Design Division of the American Bar Association Forum on Construction Law. She was selected as a Fellow of the American Bar Association, Forum on Construction Law (2011-2014) and currently serves as Fellow of the American Bar Foundation and the Construction Lawyers Society of America. She is also a member of the Trial Law Institute and Diversity Law Institute.

Ms. Nardiello was named to *Crain's New York Business* 2023 Notable Women in Law, a list that recognizes attorneys who are remarkable for both their professional accomplishments and their leadership outside the legal sphere. She was also previously named to *Crain's New York* Inaugural

List of Leading Women Lawyers. She was named to *New York Real Estate Journal's* 2023 Women in Commercial Real Estate Spotlight. Ms. Nardiello was awarded the CREW NY Founder's Award, and named a "Leading Lady" by The Mann Charitable Foundation. She was also named an Outstanding Woman in the Building Industry by the Women Builders Council. Ms. Nardiello has been recognized for her construction law practice by **Super Lawyers**, including being named as a **Super Lawyers Rising Star in New York, The Legal 500 United States, The Best Lawyers in America**, and **Who's Who Legal. Engineering News-Record (ENR)** New York named her to its "Top 20 Under 40."

Ms. Nardiello writes and speaks frequently on construction law. Some of her publications include: "Architect-Engineer Contracting," in the ABA's Federal Government Contracts, Third Edition; "AAA Construction Arbitration: A Step-By-Step Guide, Annotated Construction Glossary;" "Civil Liability for False Claims in Public Construction;" and "The Bar Exam Survival Guide: The Insider's Handbook to Passing the Bar Exam."

## Education

New York Law School, J.D.

Marist College, B.S.

## Admissions

New York

New Jersey

## Court Admissions

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York

U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York

U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey

## EXPERIENCE

### Representative Matters

#### The following are select representative matters:

##### **Condominium Project Dispute Resolved in Arbitration**

We represented an international Owner/Developer of a three condominium building project in a dispute with a Construction Manager in arbitration proceedings. The dispute related to delay, construction defect and cost-overrun claims. We prevailed on behalf of the client.

### Government

##### **Dismissal of Claims in Bridge Litigation**

We obtained a dismissal of millions of dollars in claims asserted against our client by a general contractor for inefficiencies on the grounds that the contractor failed to prove its damages, instead attempting to rely on the total cost method to establish its damages.

##### **Global Monetary Organization World Headquarters Litigation**

This matter involves the Washington, D.C. world headquarters of a global monetary organization.

### Infrastructure

##### **Wastewater Treatment Plant Litigation**

We served as lead counsel for engineering firm in a case alleging various defects with the design and construction of a wastewater treatment plant.

##### **Highway and Bridge Project Litigation**

We represented a client in a matter involving allegations of design negligence exceeding \$30 million in damages for delays and cost overruns in connection with the design of a highway/bridge project.

### Mixed-Use

##### **Dismissal of a Multi-Million Dollar Mechanic's Lien**

We successfully obtained the dismissal of a multi-million dollar mechanic's lien against a mixed-use commercial property on behalf of our developer client.

**Mixed-Use Building Litigation**

We successfully represented the owner and developer of a high-profile luxury, mixed-use building in a lengthy arbitration.

**P3, EPC & Design-Build**

**Complex Intellectual Property Dispute**

We represented a design-build developer in a high-profile intellectual property dispute surrounding the improper use of our client's design without its permission or consent.

**Power Generation & Distribution**

**Waste-to-Energy Facility Design Litigation**

We represented a client in a matter involving a multi-million dollar claim in connection with the design of a waste-to-energy facility.

**Florida Bio Mass Fuel Plant Litigation**

We represented a client in a litigation in connection with breach of contract and alleged negligence claims associated with the highly technical design and construction of a bio mass fuel power plant in Florida.

**Infrastructure**

**Transportation Facility Dispute**

We prevailed in state court and again on appeal in obtaining the discharge of a mechanic's lien placed on a public transportation facility that was leased to our private developer client.

**Residential**

**Luxury NYC Apartment Complex**

We drafted the project agreements for a large luxury apartment complex on behalf of a world-renowned client in New York City.

**Washington D.C. Residential Condominium Litigation**

We successfully represented a client in litigation involving a high-end residential condominium building concerning claims of defective design and construction of the fire-protection systems in

Washington, D.C.

**Residential Property Waterproofing and Mold Remediation Litigation**

We are representing the owner of a several hundred unit rental property in Long Island, New York with respect to a claim relating to the design and construction of the roof, windows and building envelope, which have been compromised and is allowing a significant amount of water to infiltrate the building.

**Arbitration Award in Favor of Worldwide Residential Building Developer**

We successfully obtained a multi-million dollar arbitration award on behalf of our client, a large international developer of residential buildings in Manhattan in claims against its contractor, who delayed the project past substantial completion, caused defective work to be installed at the project and wrongfully terminated its contract.

**International Condominium Project Arbitration**

We represented an international Owner/Developer of three condominium projects in a dispute with the Construction Manager in arbitration proceedings that continued in connection with delay and cost overrun claims totaling over \$10 million on the multiple residential development projects.

**Sports & Entertainment**

**Large Sporting Facility Litigation**

We successfully represented a client in the litigation surrounding the design and construction of a high-profile, fast-tracked, large sporting facility.

**Music Venue Developer Dispute Resolution**

We successfully represented the developer of music venue in New York City in claims against the contractor for defective work and abandonment of the project.

**HONORS**

**Fellowships**

- American Bar Association, Forum on Construction Law (2011-2014)
- American Bar Foundation

## Honors & Recognitions

- Best Lawyers
- City & State New York, Above and Beyond Awards, Real Estate
- Construction Lawyers Society of America, Fellow
- Crain's New York, Notable Women in Law, 2023
- Crain's New York, Inaugural List of Leading Women Lawyers
- Engineering-News Record's (ENR) **Top 20 Under 40 Industry Professionals**
- Founder's Award, CREWNY
- "Leading Lady" by The Mann Charitable Foundation
- "Leading Lady 2018" by Real Estate Weekly
- Outstanding Woman in the Building Industry, Women Builders Council
- Super Lawyers
- Super Lawyers Rising Star
- Who's Who Legal, Leading Lawyers in Construction Law

## NEWS & EVENTS

### News

Partner Jaimee L. Nardiello Named a 2025 Woman of Influence by ALM | Globe St.  
ALM | Globe St., 04.21.2025

Jaimee L. Nardiello Recognized in 2025 Women in Construction Spotlight by NYREJ  
New York Real Estate Journal, 02.26.2025

Super Lawyers 2024 Recognizes 13 Zetlin & De Chiara Attorneys  
10.24.2024

The Best Lawyers in America 2025 Recognizes 15 Zetlin & De Chiara Attorneys  
08.15.2024

Zetlin & De Chiara LLP Recognized as a Leading Firm in Construction Law by *The Legal 500 United States* 2024

06.24.2024

Jaimee L. Nardiello Recognized in 2023 Women in Commercial Real Estate Spotlight by NYREJ

09.26.2023

*Super Lawyers* 2023 Recognizes 14 Zetlin & De Chiara Attorneys

09.22.2023

*The Best Lawyers in America* 2024 Recognizes 16 Zetlin & De Chiara Attorneys

08.17.2023

*Super Lawyers* 2022 Recognizes Zetlin & De Chiara Attorneys for Their Expertise in Construction Law

*Super Lawyers*

Jaimee Nardiello, Partner, Recognized in the NYREJ as a Leader in the Field

*New York Real Estate Journal*, 09.17.2022

Zetlin & De Chiara LLP Again Recognized in the Best Lawyers List

08.18.2022

Zetlin & De Chiara LLP Ranked Tier 1 in 2022 Edition of U.S. News- Best Lawyers® Best Law Firms®

11.04.2021

Zetlin & De Chiara Attorneys Widely Recognized in *Super Lawyers* 2021

09.30.2021

Zetlin & De Chiara LLP Lawyers Highly Recognized by Best Lawyers®

*Best Lawyers®*, 08.19.2021

*Super Lawyers* Selects 10 Zetlin & De Chiara Attorneys for Its 2020 Ranking

11.05.2020

Zetlin & De Chiara Lawyers Named to 2021 Best Lawyers and to Ones to Watch Lists

08.20.2020

**New York Real Estate Journal** Recognized Jaimee Nardiello as a Leading Woman in Real Estate

*New York Real Estate Journal*, 05.19.2020

Eleven Zetlin & De Chiara LLP Attorneys Recognized by Super Lawyers 2019  
09.25.2019

Zetlin & De Chiara's Construction Law Expertise Recognized Again by Legal 500 US  
09.11.2019

Eight Zetlin & De Chiara LLP Attorneys Selected For *The Best Lawyers in America* 2020  
*The Best Lawyers in America* 2020, 08.15.2019

NYREJ Features Jaimee Nardiello's CREWNY Honor  
*New York Real Estate Journal*, 08.06.2019

Jaimee Nardiello Elected to the ABA Forum on Construction Governing Committee

NYREJ Year in Review 2018: Jaimee Nardiello, Zetlin & De Chiara LLP

Partner Jaimee Nardiello to Speak at 2019 ABA Midwinter Construction Industry Forum Conference  
in Los Angeles

Zetlin & De Chiara LLP Awarded CREWNY Sponsor of the Year 2018

Partner Jaimee Nardiello, President of CREW NY, Quoted in *New York Real Estate Journal*

Partners Jaimee Nardiello and Loryn Riggiola Named "Leading Ladies" by *Real Estate Weekly*

Executive Profile: Jaimee L. Nardiello; An Inside Look on the CREW NY President's Successful Career

Jaimee Nardiello Leads Discussion at Commercial Observer's 2nd Annual Retail Forum

Jaimee Nardiello Recognized at City and State's Annual Above & Beyond Gala

Twelve Zetlin & De Chiara LLP Attorneys Receive Prestigious Thomson Reuters' Super Lawyers  
2018 Ranking

Jaimee Nardiello To Be Honored By The Mann Charitable Foundation

Zetlin & De Chiara LLP Partner Jaimee Nardiello Elected President of CREW New York

Jaimee Nardiello Selected A Crain's Leading Women Lawyer

Jaimee Nardiello Featured in *The Best Women Lawyers In New York City* in *Above the Law*  
*Above the Law*, 12.2017



Jaimee Nardiello Authors Chapter in ABA's Definitive Guide to Federal Government Construction Contracts

Eleven Zetlin & De Chiara LLP Attorneys Recognized by Super Lawyers for 2017

Jaimee Nardiello Honored by the Women Builders Council

Eight Zetlin & De Chiara LLP Attorneys Named 2016 Super Lawyers

Bloomberg Business Law mentions Jaimee Nardiello's promotion to Partner

Women Builders Council Recognizes Zetlin & De Chiara Attorneys

Jaimee Nardiello Appointed Chair of Design Division of the ABA Forum on the Construction Industry

Zetlin & De Chiara Participates in the ABA Forum on the Construction Industry Regional Program

Zetlin & De Chiara Attorneys Recognized in Super Lawyers

Who's News: Appointments and Promotions, Real Estate Weekly, July 2013

Who's News: Appointments and Promotions  
Real Estate Weekly, 07.17.2013

Zetlin & De Chiara Attorneys Bill Chimos and Jaimee Nardiello Promoted

Jaimee Nardiello Named Top 20 Under 40 by ENR New York

Zetlin & De Chiara Attorneys Named 2012 SuperLawyers  
12.30.2012

Women in Real Estate  
The Commercial Observer, 12.11.2012

New Year Brings New Hire and Promotions for Zetlin & De Chiara LLP  
12.28.2011

Worried About The Bar Exam?  
Student Lawyer Magazine, American Bar Association , 12.2011

Jaimee Nardiello Fields Questions from Law Students in Student Lawyer  
Student Lawyer

## Speaking Engagements

Jaimee Nardiello to Present at Bisnow's Multifamily Panel on Developing & Executing Market Rate Housing

10.04.2023

Zetlin & De Chiara's 30th Anniversary Celebration

12.14.2022

Understanding and Navigating the Ancillary Contracts in Construction  
Virtual and Sheraton New York Times Square, 05.05.2022

Healthcare Construction Forum

Virtual Event, 09.23.2021

Business Up Front: Contracts and Compliance

Virtual, 06.23.2021

**DIG** This: A CREW Careers Event

Virtual, 11.07.2020

Construction Law Issues in the Age of Coronavirus  
WEBINAR, 04.23.2020

CREW New York | UCREW Program

Trepp LLC, 600 Fifth Avenue, 7th Floor, New York, NY, 11.08.2019

Commercial Observer's 3rd Annual Downtown Forum

200 Liberty Street, 09.24.2019

Jaimee Nardiello Speaks at ABA Forum on Construction Law

01.30.2019

CREW New York 40th Anniversary Gala

10.04.2018

Commercial Observer: 2nd Annual Retail Forum

The High Line Effect, CREW Network, Convention and Marketplace

10.20.2016

"Contract Administration" ABA Forum on Construction Law, Regional Program on Construction Contracts  
2016

"Preliminary Hearings and Scheduling Orders" The Anatomy of a Construction Arbitration, Litigation Seminar  
New Jersey, 2016

"Post occupancy Evaluations, A Legal Perspective" NY Region A&D Sustainable Design Leaders  
2015

Construction Law: Current Issues in Contracts and Litigation  
Center for Real Estate Studies at New York Law School Master Class, 11.14.2013

"Making Dollars & Sense of Construction Damages," ABA Forum on Construction Industry  
Naples, FL, 2013

American Bar Association's Forum on the Construction Industry Annual Meeting: One Nation Under the International Green Construction Code  
04.2012

ABA Construction Industry Forum Annual Meeting: Bridging the Hoover Dam  
Scottsdale, AZ, 2011

Arbitration, Mediation and Litigation  
2010

Legal Implications of Social Media in the Workplace  
2009

## **Publications**

Meeting the Challenges of Healthcare Construction & Design in a Changed World  
11.01.2021

State Regulation of the Design Professional  
**ABA Forum on Construction Law | Design Professional's Guide to Construction Law**, 04.28.2021

Jaimee Nardiello Focuses on Downtown at Commercial Observer Event  
10.07.2019

Zetlin & De Chiara LLP Fall 2018 Update  
10.23.2018

Jaimee Nardiello Weighs in on Key Considerations for the Use of Peer Reviews in Construction  
Spring 2018

Zetlin & De Chiara LLP Spring 2018 Update  
05.08.2018

The Industry's Shifting Approach to Retail  
04.19.2018

Sizing Up the Retail Real Estate Market in 2018  
04.19.2018

Zetlin & De Chiara LLP Fall 2017 Update  
10.12.2017

Architect-Engineer Contracting  
*Federal Government Construction Contracts, Third Edition, ABA, 2017, 2017*

AAA Construction Arbitration: A Step-By-Step Guide  
*Practical Law*, 2015

Annotated Construction Glossary  
*American Bar Association*, 2010

Civil Liability for False Claims in Public Construction  
*Construction Advisory Report*, 2009

The Bar Exam Survival Guide: The Insider's Handbook to Passing the Bar Exam  
*Professional Publishing Group*, 2008

## AFFILIATIONS

### General Counsel / Board Membership

- Commercial Real Estate Women of New York, (CREW), Immediate Past President, Member, Executive Board of Directors
- American Bar Association Forum on Construction Law, Governing Committee

## Organizations

- American Bar Association Forum on Construction Law, Design Division
- American Bar Association Forum on Construction Law, Diversity Committee
- Commercial Real Estate Women of New York (CREW)
- Diversity Law Institute, Member
- Trial Law Institute, Member