



Maria Kefalas Selected for the Beverly Willis Architecture Foundation's 2023 Emerging Leaders Program

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Zetlin & De Chiara LLP associate Maria Kefalas has been selected to participate in the Beverly Willis Architecture Foundation's 2023 Emerging Leaders Program. The program, entitled Detours, Diligence, and Dreams brings together peers in construction, architecture, real estate, law, and financial services to advance their own career goals. Since 2017 the Beverly Willis Architecture Foundation Emerging Leaders program has offered an innovative professional development opportunity.

Maria Kefalas represents real estate owners and developers, design professionals and other members of the construction community in complex litigation. She has represented a wide array of clients in complex civil disputes, including commercial contract and business disputes, and construction defect litigation. Ms. Kefalas was featured on *New York Real Estate Journal's* 2023 Ones to Watch Rising Stars list. She was also selected by the Women Builders Council (WBC) as one of WBC's 2023 Next Generation Women Leaders.

Founded in 2002, the Beverly Willis Architecture Foundation (BAAF), a nonprofit 501 (c)(3) organization, advances the knowledge and recognition of women's contributions to architecture. Initially organized as a grant giving non-profit, the BAAF supported research that would expand knowledge about women's contributions to twentieth-century American architecture by uncovering their lost histories and restoring them to the historical record. It now also embraces issues specific to women currently working within the building industry. To this end, BAAF both commissions and curates research that pertains to women working at all levels within all fields of practice — including architecture, engineering, construction, design, landscape, preservation, and planning.

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