



Carol Patterson Named Barrier-Breaker by Commercial Observer

New York, NY (November, 2017) – Carol J. Patterson, Senior Partner at construction law firm Zetlin & De Chiara LLP was honored by the *Commercial Observer* at its first-ever Women in Construction Awards for her precedent-setting achievements.

Patterson was awarded the 2017 Barrier-Breaker Award, which is given to women working towards demolishing the glass ceiling and making way for others in the commercial construction or design industry. Recipients are proven leaders, inspiring and attracting the industry's next generation of women. Patterson was singled out for her many successes as a veteran construction industry litigation and transactional attorney in a male-dominated field, as well as having served as a past president of the Association of Real Estate Women (now NYC CREW).

"We congratulate Carol on another first and commend Commercial Observer for setting their bar high for future Barrier Breakers by selecting Carol for this inaugural award," said Michael Vardaro, Managing Partner, Zetlin & De Chiara LLP. "Carol is greatly admired by her peers and colleagues for her talent, skills, insight, determination and success. She is an invaluable member of the Zetlin & De Chiara family, and has been practically since our founding."

Patterson has led a 25-year career as one of the industry's top litigators and advising clients on matters such as dispute resolution, contracts and risk management strategies. She represents prominent national and international firms in matters relating to the design and construction of major office and residential buildings, performing arts centers, museums, hospitals, educational institutions, transportation facilities and other public buildings. Patterson regularly counsels owners, developers, engineers, architects, construction managers, contractors and other parties in the construction industry. Additionally, her time as President of NYC CREW distinguish her as a highly engaged member of the professional community who supports opportunities for women in real estate and construction.

She received her award at the Commercial Observer's conference Breaking the Glass Ceiling: Leading Women in Construction and Design Conference on November 7th at the CUNY Graduate Center.

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About Zetlin & De Chiara

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