

Benesch Partner Laura Sugarman Named Among Connect CRE's 2026 Women in Real Estate Award Winners

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Benesch is pleased to announce that [Laura Sugarman](#), a partner in the firm's [Real Estate Practice Group](#), has been recognized as a New York region honoree in Connect CRE's 2026 Women in Real Estate Awards.

The awards recognize women in commercial real estate whose professional excellence, leadership, innovation and industry influence have distinguished them among their peers. Honorees bring talent, drive and fresh ideas to the industry and make meaningful contributions across a wide range of commercial real estate sectors and roles.

"Laura is a highly respected attorney and leader whose talent, dedication and client-focused approach continue to make a meaningful impact on the real estate industry," said [Jeff Wild](#), Chair of Benesch's Real Estate Practice Group and Firm Administrative Partner. "We congratulate her on this well-deserved recognition."

In her practice, Laura structures and closes transactions for transformative projects in New York and across the country. She advises developers, owners, lenders, landlords, tenants, investors and not-for-profit entities on complex acquisitions and dispositions, financings, leasing, air rights and large-scale development projects, including affordable housing and condominium developments. Widely recognized for her experience in condominium and cooperative development, Laura is also a skilled tax strategist who helps clients navigate complex real estate and tax issues to achieve their business objectives.

Beyond her practice, Laura is committed to fostering leadership and inclusion within the legal and real estate industries. She serves on the Real Estate Advisory Board of Yeshiva University and as co-chair of Benesch's Hiring Committee, participates in Cardozo Law School's Women in Law Institute and is actively involved in the firm's Women's Initiative Network, helping to shape the next generation of legal talent.

View the full list of honorees [here](#).