

Partner Laura Sugarman Named Among New York Real Estate Journal's 2025 Ones to Watch: Industry Leaders

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Benesch is pleased to announce that Real Estate Partner Laura Sugarman has been named to the 2025 Ones to Watch - Industry Leaders list by the New York Real Estate Journal (NYREJ). This annual recognition honors senior professionals who have made meaningful contributions to New York's commercial real estate industry.

In her feature, Laura highlighted her recent accomplishment of structuring a series of leasehold condominium deals that helped not-for-profits obtain critical tax exemptions. Through negotiation, due diligence and creative problem-solving, she enabled clients to develop affordable housing, community centers and cultural spaces while protecting their holdings from excessive tax burdens. This work reinforced Benesch's commitment to socially conscious real estate and expanded the firm's not-for-profit client portfolio.

Laura also spoke about her dedication to mentorship and giving back. She mentors students through Cardozo Law School's Women in Law Institute and serves on Yeshiva University's Real Estate Advisory Board. At Benesch, she co-chairs the Hiring Committee for summer associates and is active in the firm's Women's Initiative Network. She's also a frequent speaker and contributor to real estate publications. "I believe strongly in the value of women uplifting one another both inside and outside of work, and I strive to be a mentor and advocate for women navigating the industry," she said.

When asked to share advice for emerging leaders, Laura encouraged openness to different leadership styles and perspectives. "Learning from diverse experiences helps you become an adaptable, empathetic and inspiring leader," she said.

Benesch Real Estate Practice Group Chair Jeff Wild shared, "Laura brings unmatched creativity and precision to every deal she touches. Her work on complex leasehold condominium structures for not-for-profits reflects her rare ability to blend technical excellence with a deep commitment to community impact. She's an invaluable asset to our team and our clients."



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