

Forchelli Deegan Terrana LLP

Firm Advantage

Founded in 1976, Forchelli Deegan Terrana LLP is one of Long Island's largest and most distinguished law firms. The Firm, headquartered in Uniondale, NY. The Firm provides sophisticated legal services to a broad range of clients, including national, regional, and local businesses; family-owned companies; major real estate developers; property owners and operators; contractors; banks; municipalities; educational institutions; not-for-profit corporations; foundations; and individuals.

Forchelli Deegan Terrana is proud to be a culturally diverse firm. In addition to the newly promoted women partners noted below, Parshhueram Misir was promoted from associate to partner in January 2018. He is a member of the Firm's Construction and Litigation practice groups. The Firm, which instituted a Diversity Fellowship Program in 2011, includes attorneys of African American, Indian, and Asian descent.

The Firm is also committed to developing the leadership and empowerment of its female attorneys and staff. "Diversity in gender and heritage adds a lot to the Firm," Managing Partner Jeffrey Forchelli said. "Employees with diverse backgrounds bring to the table a different perspective, which enables us to better serve our clients."

Recognizing the Women of Forchelli Deegan Terrana LLP

The Firm has six female partners, including Kathleen Deegan Dickson, Judy Lynn Simoncic, Andrea Tsoukalas Curto, Mary Mongioi, Stephanie Alberts and Danielle Gatto. Stephanie Alberts and Danielle Gatto were promoted from associate to partner in January 2018.

Kathleen Deegan Dickson is a partner concentrating in real estate development, land use and zoning law. She is a Co-Chair of the Restaurant & Hospitality practice group, and also leads the Firm's Women's Initiative program. She is former counsel to the City of Glen Cove Planning and Zoning Boards, and currently represents many developers, property owners, corporations, and private individuals in all types of matters involving real property transactions, zoning, and land use. Ms. Deegan Dickson is a Board Member of the Women Economic Developers of Long Island and Tomorrow's Hope Foundation. She also serves on the Advisory Council of the North Shore University Hospital at Glen Cove.

Judy Lynn Simoncic was the first woman to be named a Firm partner



The firm's female Partners (Top L-R: Alberts, Deegan Dickson, Gatto; Bottom L-R: Mongioi, Simoncic, Tsoukalas Curto).

(2003). She concentrates in land use & zoning, environmental, municipal, and real estate law. Ms. Simoncic has secured zoning approvals for senior housing projects, retail and office complexes, multiple dwelling projects, planned unit developments, assisted living facilities, and restaurant franchises. She serves on the board of Vision Long Island and Options for Community Living, Inc.

Andrea Tsoukalas Curto joined the Firm in 2005 and became partner in 2011. She is a Co-Chair of the Renewable Energy practice group, and concentrates her practice in land use & zoning, environmental, and municipal law. Ms. Tsoukalas Curto is general counsel to the Long Island Gasoline Retailers Association, a nationally recognized non-profit trade association with over 600 members. She also serves as counsel to the Village of Kensington Board of Trustees, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Architectural Review Board, and is the Village Attorney for Lake Success and Russell Gardens. Ms. Tsoukalas Curto was recently appointed to serve as a member of the Roslyn Harbor Planning Board.

Mary Mongioi joined the Firm as an associate in 2004 and became partner in 2015. She is a member of the Firm's Tax, Trusts & Estates practice group. Throughout her career, Ms. Mongioi has served her clients in litigated estate matters, civil litigation, appellate practice, and real estate.

Stephanie Alberts is a member of the Tax, Trusts & Estates practice group. She represents individuals in various proceedings in the Surrogate's Court, including probate and administration, contested probate, judicial accounting, guardianships, and miscellaneous proceedings.

"Over the last twelve years, the Firm has provided multiple opportunities to grow. I have been mentored by great people. A lot of what I have learned has influenced how I practice in my skilled areas of law," she said.

Danielle Gatto is a member of the Firm's Employment & Labor and Litigation practice groups. She concentrates in commercial litigation, real property actions, zoning matters, and employment litigation. Danielle has also assisted with complex tax certiorari matters and defending First Amendment actions. She has successfully argued before the Appellate Division, as well as state and federal court proceedings.

Empowerment

According to partner and Women's Initiative chair Kathleen Deegan Dickson, "The objective of the Firm's Women's Initiative is to recruit, retain and empower our women attorneys to advance professionally and personally." Programs include mentoring, teaching business development and negotiating skills, as well as providing a platform to feature the attorneys' accomplishments both within and outside the Firm.

This fall, Jane Chen, an associate in the Firm's Corporate & Commercial and Real Estate practice groups, has been selected to be one of the more than twenty boxers participating in the 15th Annual Long Island Fight for Charity. Jane is the Firm's first female boxer. "I think the Long Island Fight for Charity is a very empowering and unique experience. It provides an opportunity to represent Forchelli Deegan Terrana and give back to the community," she said.

In addition to being encouraged to take on challenging cases and publish articles, the Firm has sup-



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ported several of the women attorneys in their successful efforts to be named as Super Lawyers, Legal Eagles, Long Island's Influential Women, Leading Ladies in Real Estate, 40 Under 40, Rising Stars, Who's Who, Executives of the Month, and other prestigious awards in various business and legal publications.

With over 60 attorneys, Forchelli Deegan Terrana provides sophisticated legal services in nearly 20 practice areas, including land use & zoning, litigation, real estate, tax certiorari, corporate, banking, construction, bankruptcy, employment and labor, IDA (Industrial Development Agency), condominium, entertainment & sports, restaurant & hospitality, veterinary, environmental, municipal, renewable energy, and tax, trusts and estates. The Firm is a team; attorneys and legal staff work together to deliver unparalleled client service. With the breadth, depth and diversity of talent the Firm has, they have the unique ability to tackle the most difficult legal challenges and provide clients with successful resolutions.