

## Names, Faces, People and Places

### PANEL INCLUDED HARRIS, MILANAİK, CHUNG, MIR AHMED, MCHUGH MBAofNY Scholarship Foundation hosts Last Mile Logistics breakfast

**NEW YORK, NY** The Mortgage Bankers Association of New York (MBAofNY) Scholarship Foundation hosted the Last Mile Logistics breakfast on May 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Offices of Loeb & Loeb, LLP. A panel discussion was held with some of the city's most active investors and developers in the space of urban industrial and logistic properties including Joshua Harris of NYU Schack Institute; Jeff Milanaik of Bridge Development Partners, LLC; Andrew Chung of Innovo Property Group; Omer Mir Ahmed of Seagis Property Group LP; and Zach McHugh of Sitex Group.

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Shown (from left) are: Richard Carr, (MBAofNY scholarship chairman), Joshua Harris, Omer Mir Ahmed, Andrew Chung, Jeff Milanaik, Zach McHugh, and Gregg Christensen, (MBAofNY education chairman).

### Avison Young Tri-State welcomes Gumula, Tropp

**NEW YORK, NY** According to the Tri-State Investment Sales Group for Avison Young, the firm has hired Terri



Terri Gumula



Daniel Tropp

Gumula and Daniel Tropp.

Gumula and Tropp become directors, and will develop and execute investment sales opportunities throughout the Tri-State region, focusing on office and development properties, respectively.

Gumula was most recently VP, special situations and workouts at Citigroup Global Markets, where she managed a \$2 billion portfolio of commercial properties.

Tropp was most recently an investment sales broker for Ariel Property Advisors, where he and his team evaluated over \$11 billion of multifamily, development, and CRE throughout the city.

### Chen of Forchelli Deegan Terrana recognized by Huntington Chamber

**UNIONDALE, NY** Jane Chen, an associate in the law firm of Forchelli Deegan Terrana, has been recognized



Jane Chen

by The Huntington Chamber of Commerce at the Annual Celebrate Long Island's Young Professionals event. The event showcases top young influential people under the age of 30 on Long Island who have contributed to their workplace and community.

### WCA hosts 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Real Estate Summit



Guy Leibler, president of Simone Healthcare Development speaks at the "Transformational Projects in Westchester and the Hudson Valley" panel.

**WHITE PLAINS, NY** The Westchester County Association (WCA) brought together 300 regional leaders in commercial and residential real estate, as well as government and planning officials and community organizations, for its 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Real Estate Summit.

They came together to explore transformational development projects in Westchester and the Hudson Valley, the experience of the failed Amazon-NYC deal and performance-based incentives and the future of the energy supply in the Hudson Valley. The three panels of regional experts provided in-depth knowledge and insights regarding pertinent, topical issues that transcend the Hudson Valley economy.

WCA president and CEO William Mooney, Jr. and Westchester County director of operations Joan McDonald delivered opening remarks.

"Transformational Projects in Westchester and the Hudson Valley" was moderated by Mike Oates, president and CEO of Hudson Valley Economic Corp. (HVEDC). Panelists included Guy Leibler, president of Simone Healthcare Development; Phil Royle, director of development and operations of LEGOLAND New York; Colleen O'Connor, director for BioMed Realty's Massachusetts

and New York Markets; Dr. Glenn Loomis, chief academic and innovation officer of Health Quest; Geoffrey Brackett, executive vice president and chief strategy/innovation officer of Marist College; and Luiz Aragon, development commissioner of city of New Rochelle.

"Our Energy Future" was presented by Ivan Kimball, director-electricity supply, Con Edison, and Michael Reed, program manager, Advanced Efficiency Solutions at NYSEERDA.

"The Post-Amazon Deal: A Discussion on Attraction, Retention and Incentives" was moderated by Bill Cuddy, executive vice president of CBRE. It focused on what people in the Hudson Valley can learn from the unsuccessful deal.

The program wrapped up with the presentation of the WCA's Annual Policy Playbook awards, recognizing work in planning and training by municipalities in Westchester and the Hudson Valley. WCA and the Land Use Law Center recognized the city of Mount Vernon for its West Transit Oriented Development Form Based Zoning Ordinance and the city of Poughkeepsie for its Innovation District Zoning.

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### BOMA Westchester honors George Comfort & Son, Inc. and New York Life Insurance Co.

**TARRYTOWN, NY** More than 150 members of Westchester's commercial real estate industry were on hand May 9<sup>th</sup> for the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Hall of Honor Awards Dinner of the Building Owners and Managers Association of Westchester (BOMA) held at Abigail Kirsch at Tappan Hill.

This year's Hall of Honor Award, which is given to those who support and encourage economic growth in Westchester County, was presented to George Comfort & Sons, Inc. and New York Life Insurance Co.

George Comfort & Sons, Inc. currently manages over 12 million s/f of commercial property. Accepting the award for George Comfort & Sons was president and CEO Peter Duncan.

New York Life has been serving Westchester County for 175 years with having a corporate office in Sleepy Hollow until 2018, moving to Westchester One located in White Plains. Accepting the award for New York Life Insurance Company was Brian Lescinkas, vice president, northeastern agencies.

This year's Best of BOMA Award winners were:

**Management Team Award:** GHP Office Realty for 660 White Plains Rd. Accepting the award was principal



Shown (from left) are: Brian Lescinkas of New York Life Insurance Co.; BOMA Westchester president Susan Curtis; and Peter Duncan of George Comfort & Sons.

Andrew Greenspan.

**Tenant Fit Out Award:** Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corp. for 1 North Lexington Ave., White Plains. Accepting the award was Yoshihiro Hyakutome, CEO and MD head of americas division.

**Unsung Hero Awards** were presented to:

- Ashley Leeman of Newmark Knight Frank;
- Eddie Mercado of Planned Cos./Ivy Equity; and
- Mariana Pedraza of A&A Maintenance/Cushman & Wakefield.

### RXR Realty hosts Project REAP Trade Assoc. night

**NEW YORK, NY** "We work with the engines that keep REAP going. The partnerships REAP has formed have been integral to our mission," said Lamont Blackstone, CRX, chairman of the board of Project REAP (Real Estate Associate Program), introducing representatives from several leading international and national real estate organizations at REAP NYC's 2019 Trade Association night held April 25<sup>th</sup> and hosted by RXR Realty at a Park Ave. office. The evening is one of the signature events for information gathering and networking offered to students and alumni of REAP, a



Shown (from left) are: Felix Ciampa, ULI NY; Jeanette Mena, C.U.R.E.; Stephen Taylor, ICSC; and DeVon Prioleau, C.U.R.E.

nationwide initiative dedicated to increasing diversity and inclusion in commercial real estate for 20 years.

### Colin of VirtualAPT speaks at B'nai B'rith breakfast



Shown (from left) are: Harry Zlokower of Zlokower Co. Public Relations, Jeff Mitzner of First American Title Insurance Co., Bryan Colin, Lydia Sklar of Sklar Realty Group, Misha Haghani of Paramount Realty USA, and Stuart Eisenberg of BDO USA.

**MANHATTAN, NY** Bryan Colin, CEO, VirtualAPT Corp, addressed the B'nai B'rith Real Estate breakfast meeting at First American Title Insurance on May 15<sup>th</sup>. His topic was "Robots and Real Estate—The New Virtual Reality Space Tour."