



## **Atkins, Alberts, Jones, Gatto, Renda, Tricolla, Castronovo, Leis and Mesh of Forchelli Law named to 2018 NY Rising Star SuperLawyers list**

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Uniondale, NY According to Forchelli Deegan Terrana, LLP, nine attorneys – Douglas Atkins, Stephanie Alberts, Nathan Jones, Danielle Gatto, Robert Renda, Danielle Tricolla, Raymond Castronovo, Jessica Leis, and Lindsay Mesh – have been named to the 2018 New York Rising Stars SuperLawyers list.

Atkins concentrates his practice in the areas of tax certiorari, real estate, and condemnation. He has experience in tax reduction proceedings for all types of commercial real estate throughout the region's counties, towns and villages. Atkins also has obtained substantial tax refunds for owners of specialty properties such as cellular phone tower sites, sand processing plants, and tidal wetlands

Alberts is an associate in the firm's Tax, Trusts and Estates Department. She concentrates her practice in estate administration, estate planning, estate litigation, guardianships and civil tax matters.

Jones concentrates his practice in the areas of commercial litigation, banking litigation and finance. His litigation experience includes cases involving contract interpretation, securities fraud, tax exemption, corporate governance, insurance defense, workers' compensation, bankruptcy litigation, environmental regulation, anti-trust investigations, and white collar crime.

Gatto is an associate in the litigation group, concentrating her practice in the areas of commercial litigation, real property actions, zoning matters, and employment litigation. She also assists with complex tax certiorari matters and defending First Amendment actions.

Renda is an associate at the firm concentrating his practice in the areas of tax certiorari, real estate, and condemnation law. He has obtained millions of dollars in real estate tax refunds and savings for clients, including national, regional, and local owners and tenants of all types of commercial and residential property.

Tricolla is an associate in the firm's litigation group. She handles a variety of litigation matters, including commercial litigation, real property actions, land use and zoning matter, regulatory claims and compliance issues, and employment litigation. She represents individuals, corporations, and municipalities in federal and state court, at both the trial and appellate levels.

Castronovo is an associate in the construction law and commercial litigation practice groups. He represents clients from all segments of the construction industry in connection with public and private projects in matters involving non-payment, extra work, payment and performance bond claims, delays, design and construction defects, changed conditions, mechanic's liens, terminations, and defaults.

Leis is an associate with the firm's land use and zoning practice group. She appears regularly before various municipal boards for public hearings on both residential and commercial applications and is skilled in the application process pertaining to variances, conditional/special use permits and subdivisions.

Mesh is an associate, concentrating her practice in the areas of real estate finance, banking, foreclosures, and creditors rights. Mesh primarily counsels institutional and private lenders on commercial mortgage loan transactions and represents lenders, mortgage loan servicers, and homeowner associations in the various aspects of foreclosure and collection law.

SuperLawyers, a Thomson Reuters business, are a rating service of outstanding lawyers who have attained a degree of peer recognition and professional achievement. The annual selections are made using a rigorous multi-phased process that includes a statewide survey of lawyers, an independent research evaluation of candidates, and a peer reviews by practice area. Founded in 1976, Forchelli Deegan Terrana LLP is one of Long Island's most acclaimed and distinguished law firms.

Headquartered in Uniondale, NY, the Firm is conveniently located for clients in Nassau and Suffolk counties, as well as those in New York City. All of our attorneys have a high level of expertise in specific areas, as well as in the general practice of law. The firm is thoroughly supported by a dedicated team of paralegals, law clerks, a highly skilled secretarial staff, and the most up-to-date computer technology. The firm employs over 60 attorneys who provide counsel to a broad range of clients, including national, regional and local businesses, major real estate developers and organizations, banks, insurance companies, municipalities, educational institutions, contractors, architects/engineers and individuals.

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