



## **2020 Ones to Watch: Anthony DeCapua, Forchelli Deegan Terrana LLP**

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Which project, deal, or transaction was the “game-changer” in the advancement of your career?

U.S. Border Fence Replacement Calexico California—I was retained by the general contractor to negotiate a descope and termination for convenience agreement with the main subcontractor in order to get the project back on track and completed on time. This was a high-profile project monitored by the White House. The general contractor was facing a potential default and termination by the government due to perceived completion delays and disputes with the subcontractor. Over the course of six months, I prevented the government from calling in a default, successfully negotiated and closed a walkaway agreement with the subcontractor and assisted the client in getting the project completed on time pursuant to its contract with the government. In the end, I found myself in the role of both advocate and mediator and was able to help the parties find common ground that allowed the project to be built and nullify the need for litigation.

How do you contribute to your community or your profession?

For two years, I've volunteered to mentor a middle school student through the Nassau County Bar Association mentoring program. The one-on-one program allows one to motivate students to set and work towards positive goals in school and their daily lives. I believe exposing children to positive role models at an early age encourages children to explore future career paths they may think are unattainable and provides an additional sounding board beyond the busy home. A mentor may just be lighting the spark of the next Justice John Roberts.

What social media platform do you use the most professionally?

I use LinkedIn on a daily basis. Next to checking my email in the morning, it's one of my routine daily habits. The platform is easy to navigate and can be tailored to reach your desired audience. I use it to post articles that may be of interest to my clients and colleagues. I also use it to discuss and

reflect upon new developments in the construction industry and law. It's a free marketing tool that I think is just now finding its stride. Attorneys of all levels should take advantage of the technology it offers and doors it may open.

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