



2020 Ones to Watch: Virginia Trunkes, Robinson+Cole

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Name: Virginia Trunkes

Company: Robinson+Cole

Title: Counsel

Education: Received J.D. from Brooklyn Law School

How do you contribute to your community or your profession?

I serve on the Board of Directors of the Judges and Lawyers Breast Cancer Alert (JALBCA), which provides education and outreach to the breast cancer community, and funds early detection initiatives and legal services to low-income women struggling with breast cancer.

Who or what inspires you?

The streets of Manhattan and its juxtaposition of old and new architecture, with multi-faceted style and design, consistently inspire and energize me. Developers, contractors, design professionals and their attorneys are keenly aware of the layers of extensive effort and collaboration needed to create beautiful masterpieces designed for utility — and structurally sound for centuries! Although the Empire State Building and Flatiron Building each took only one year to construct, the Brooklyn Bridge took 14 years and the Chrysler Building took nine years from land acquisition to substantial completion. All things considered, any thoughtful project constructed “on schedule” is truly motivational.

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