



**2022 Women in Professional Services: Risë Rosen, Forchelli
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In the last 12 months, what was your TOP career highlight? The greatest highlight has been the merging of Koepfel Martone & Leistman, L.L.C. (KML) with Forchelli Deegan Terrana LLP (FDT). I am excited to be part of what is now an unparalleled powerhouse in the field of tax certiorari. Both firms come together with a singular philosophy – advocate for the client in the most efficient, creative, and beneficial way possible. I am extremely proud of the level of experience that my colleagues and I provided at KML. This merger ensures that our clients will continue to be the beneficiaries of a legal team that not only addresses their tax certiorari needs, but now offers a multitude of other practice areas.

In the last 12 months how have you helped your industry grow through professional creativity, innovation and leadership? The advent of COVID has in some ways changed the way we practice law. From “electronic filings” to virtual conferences, it has been crucial that we be partners in the growth and evolution taking place in the field of tax certiorari. I am proud to have worked with my colleagues, municipalities and the courts to ensure the smooth transition that is critical for our industry to thrive.

What advice would you give the next generation of women in your industry? My advice to women entering the field of tax certiorari would be to never be intimidated to be the only woman at the table. When I began my career, I was part of a clear minority, but over the years, there has been an increasing number of women. I believe our field is better for it. Never doubt the value that your life’s experiences bring – the ability to utilize flexible approaches to problem solving, the ability to see an issue from varying perspectives and most of all, the ability to be part of a team that takes pride in supporting their fellow team members.