



**2023 REBNY Honorees - John Santora - The Kenneth R. Gerrety Humanitarian Award**

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John Santora

“I am humbled and honored to receive the Kenneth R. Gerrety Humanitarian Award for my service to the community. It is a privilege to be included among the group of exceptional individuals who have received this award before me. I am grateful to REBNY for this recognition and will continue to strive to elevate our industry and strengthen our communities.” John Santora, Chairman, New York Tri-State at Cushman & Wakefield Inc.

John Santora is one of the commercial real estate industry’s most experienced global executives having deep trusted relationships with leading real estate executives and multinational clients throughout the world.

John currently serves as chairman, New York Tri-State at Cushman & Wakefield Inc. Previously he served as president of the Tri-State region where he was responsible for driving forward the execution of Cushman & Wakefield’s strategic plan for the region. A 40+ year veteran of the firm, John was a member of Cushman & Wakefield’s board of directors for over 20 years. He previously served as global chief operating officer and chief integration officer for the company.

Prior to the integration, John was CEO of North America, Cushman & Wakefield’s largest global operating region. In this role, he further integrated service lines in the regions across leasing, capital markets, valuation & advisory and the Corporate Occupier & Investor Services (CIS) group.

John currently is a member of the Borough president of Staten Island’s transition team and ongoing advisor. John is a past fellow of the University of Pennsylvania Wharton School, Chairman of the Realty Advisory Board, the executive board of the Real Estate Board of New York (REBNY), and a member of the board of trustees for Local 32BJ-Health and Benefit Funds. John attended New York City Community College and the College of Staten Island, majoring in engineering and fire science. He is also a certified Property Manager by the Institute of Real Estate Management (IREM), LEED GA.

John is on the board of the FDNY Foundation and Richmond University Medical Center. John also serves on a number of non-profit boards and has been the recipient of many prestigious industry and charity honors.

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