



**2023 Women in CRE: Kathleen Deegan Dickson, Forchelli Deegan Terrana LLP**

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What recent project, transaction, or accomplishment are you most proud of?

I recently represented a family that wanted to build a small apartment building for seniors who wanted to remain living in their community once they sold their empty nests. It was located in a vibrant, but tight-knit community that tends to resist change and especially new residences. Working closely with community members, through many neighborhood meetings, we were able to create a project that worked for both the neighborhood and the owners. Moving forward with the full support of the community enabled us to obtain the necessary municipal approvals and set a positive tone for the project going forward.

What are the most important factors women in your industry should consider when choosing a firm to build their career with?

Look for women in leadership positions, and management that allows opportunities for growth, advancement, and sponsorship of activities that will allow you to network and grow your practice.

Who inspires you most? What qualities do they possess that inspire you?

My father, who passed away last year, has always been my greatest inspiration. He believed that honesty and integrity were the most important traits a person could possess, and that all personal and professional success sprung from that well.