



Elevating careers in commercial real estate: The power of professional development with BOMA NY - by Patrick Dolan

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In today's dynamic commercial real estate industry, continuous professional development is essential for staying relevant and effective throughout every stage of one's career. The ever-evolving nature of the industry demands that professionals at every level continually hone their skills, expand their knowledge, and stay ahead of emerging trends. Recognizing this need, BOMA NY has long been a trusted partner in guiding professionals throughout their career lifecycle. With the recent addition of Tiara Raman as the new director of professional development, BOMA NY is positioned to further enhance its offerings, ensuring that members receive the highest level of support as they advance in their careers.

BOMA NY's commitment to professional development is evident in its comprehensive approach to career support. The organization provides a wealth of resources designed to foster growth and success for all members, from entry-level professionals to expert executives. A cornerstone of BOMA NY's professional development strategy is its robust education programs, which include the Real Property Administrator (RPA) and Facilities Management Administrator (FMA) designations. These offerings ensure that professionals stay current with industry trends and maintain a competitive edge.

Mentorship is another vital component of BOMA NY's professional development offerings. The organization's mentorship program supports members at all career stages, fostering meaningful connections that drive personal and professional growth. Whether you're new to the field or an experienced professional looking to give back, the program offers targeted guidance through one-on-one discussions and group interactions. Both mentors and mentees benefit from shared knowledge, experiences, and lasting relationships within the industry, reinforcing BOMA NY's commitment to nurturing career advancement.

To support career-long learning, BOMA NY also hosts a variety of educational events, including seminars, virtual monthly forums, building tours, and LEED/WELL courses. These events cover essential topics, such as smart buildings, high-rise preparedness, and tenant management, offering opportunities for professionals to stay informed about the latest industry developments. The virtual monthly forums, accessible to both members and non-members, provide midday learning opportunities on current industry trends, technology advancements, and sustainability initiatives.

As the new director of professional development, Raman is dedicated to building on BOMA NY's strong foundation and enhancing its offerings to meet the evolving needs of its members. With extensive experience in training, development, and project management, Raman is well-equipped to lead the organization's professional development efforts. Her vision includes expanding educational resources, fostering a culture of continuous learning, and ensuring that BOMA NY remains the go-to organization for career support in the commercial real estate sector.

BOMA NY remains a trusted partner for professionals in the commercial real estate industry, offering comprehensive professional development needed throughout the entire career life cycle. Through

education, mentorship, and networking, BOMA NY supports its members in navigating the complexities of the industry and achieving their career goals.

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