



## **2025 Women in Construction: Debbie Klis, E.W. Howell Co., LLC**

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What is one project or achievement in your career that you are most proud of, and how did it impact your organization or community?

Being with E.W. Howell for 25 years, I've had the privilege of working on many projects. The one project that I'm most proud to be a part of was Jones Beach Amphitheater in Wantagh, NY. This

project is such an iconic venue. There were many challenges on this project that were only met by team effort from all aspects. It was a great experience to sign the steel beam at the topping off ceremony. I had the opportunity to enjoy a summer concert and witness the community coming together to enjoy some great entertainment. I look forward to attending more summer concerts at JBT.

Who or what has inspired you most in your career, and what advice would you share with the next generation of women entering the A/E/C industry?

I try to be the best role model to younger women, including my three daughters. I strive to be a mentor and support all women in the construction industry that is predominantly male. Even with 30 years in the field, I'm still learning.

What's your favorite way to recharge or get inspired outside of work?

My happy place is the beach. I love being in touch with nature and being outdoors.

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