



REBNY presents Residential Mgmt. Leadership Awards; Honored Vermeer and Pateras

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The Real Estate Board of New York (REBNY) honored two industry executives at its annual Residential Management Leadership Awards Breakfast at the Roosevelt Hotel on February 3.

Elly Pateras, VP/senior managing director for Douglas Elliman Property Management received the Residential Management Executive of the Year award. Dorothy Vermeer, vice president of H.J. Kalikow & Company, LLC, was presented with the Community Service Award. Â

Pateras, a real estate property management executive for more than 17 years, currently oversees a team of account executives who are responsible for managing 60 buildings in N.Y.C. Â Prior to her current role, she was the vice president and director of management of R.A. Cohen & Associates, Inc. She was largely responsible for developing the company's co-op and condominium business, which was purchased by Douglas Elliman in 1999.

Vermeer is a 30-year veteran in the residential management business and has been an active member of REBNY's Residential Management Council. She has also been involved with the Association of Real Estate Women (AREW) for 28 years, and serves on the board of the organization's charitable fund, which supports Women in Need. The charitable fund provides scholarships to students in real estate studies in N.Y.C. colleges. The fund's volunteers also mentor students, provide assistance at Women in Need facilities and participate in fundraising activities. She has helped to raise \$65,000 for the charitable fund as well as \$100,000 for scholarships.

Andrea Nierenberg, Founder of The Nierenberg Group and three-time best selling author, served as the guest speaker of the event. Nierenberg is a networking and business relationship expert, and has been called a "networking success story" by The Wall Street Journal.

Gold sponsors of the event included Belkin Burden Wenig & Goldman LLP, Brown Harris Stevens, Douglas Elliman Property Management, Innova Risk Management, Rose Associates Inc., and Stroock & Stroock & Lavan, LLP.

"Elly and Dorothy are two of the finest leaders in the field of residential management," said REBNY president Steven Spinola. "These women are among the most respected individuals in the industry. Â These honors are well deserved because of their tireless dedication and because they serve as role models for their colleagues."

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