

GlobeSt.com Honors CRE Female Mentors

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In preparation for our **Women of Influence** special feature and retreat, *Real Estate Forum* and GlobeSt.com together is putting a spotlight on the achievements of women in commercial real estate. This year, we collected nominations across a number of fields, with the awards to be presented at our inaugural GlobeSt.ELITE Women of Influence Conference and this year's amount of entries, was our biggest yet.

For the field of mentor, we were looking for individuals that exemplify the ideal image of a mentor. We were seeking those who have established a record of consistent outreach toward individuals in the commercial real estate field, including professionals and students, and/or someone who has contributed to the support or development of mentoring programs within their company or in the broader CRE community. The nominees we were seeking have a record of achievement in offering guidance to and fostering development among CRE professionals.

Since 1983, *Forum's* Women of Influence has recognized remarkable commercial real estate professionals who have significantly influenced the market or had outstanding successes in the past year. It is in that spirit that we're launching our first-ever **Women of Influence Conference** will celebrate the

women who drive the commercial real estate industry forward.

At this year's event, we will honor the winners at the event July 10-11th in Broomfield, CO, at a special awards ceremony cocktail reception and gala dinner. The inaugural GlobeSt.ELITE Women of Influence Conference celebrates the women who drive the commercial real estate industry forward. In panel discussions throughout the event, these influential leaders will discuss the critical issues facing CRE now and in the future, what it means to be a woman in business today and CRE's place in the #MeToo era. They will discuss what they are doing to promote diversity in the upper levels of management and what the industry can do to position itself for a more inclusive future.

The top women in the category of mentor professional chosen this year are as follows:

Lisa Addeo, Transwestern

Patricia Aluisi, MB Real Estate

Kimarie Ankenbrand, JLL

Michelle DeBergalis, American Realty Group

Char Fortune, Avison Young

Yassi Ghashghai, Greysteel

Star Hughes-Gorup, Hughes Marino

Shay Hughes, Hughes Marino

Suzanne Hollander, *FIU Jerome Bain Real Estate Institute*

Julie Johnson, *Avison Young*

Lisa Konieczka, *CBRE*

Donna Mighty, *Walker & Dunlop*

Victoria Noonan, *Cushman & Wakefield*

Laura O'Brien, *CBRE*

Hilary Provinse, *Berkadia*

Sondra Wenger, *CIM*

As always, our seasoned editorial team was seeking the best of the best across the commercial real estate spectrum. In evaluating the entries, we took into account a number of factors, including: the nominee's impact on, and reputation within, her firm and broader professional community; the nominee's professional career highlights, from dealmaking savvy and innovation to client satisfaction and personal growth; a proven ability to achieve goals and display ingenuity in terms of creative thinking and problem solving; her dedication to furthering the development of her field and the role of women within it; accomplishments and involvement in her company, the CRE industry and broader social community; a personal commitment to the highest ethical standards, service and excellence; and so much more.

Keep an eye out for the July/August issue of Real Estate Forum, which will further highlight these individual's accomplishments.

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