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Belinda Schwartz has chaired Herrick's Real Estate Department since 2014, is a member of the firm's Executive Committee since 2017 and is a 30+ year veteran of New York City's commercial real estate market. She is a leader and mentor for 60+ attorneys and urban planners (23 of which are women) and one of the only women in the country to chair a major commercial real estate practice.

One of the industry's most creative real estate dealmakers, Belinda's clients value her ability to find common ground in negotiations and achieve a desirable outcome as swiftly as possible. Her clients include prominent developers, owners, funds, investors and family-owned real estate businesses, whom she advises in complex debt and equity transactions including real estate restructurings and workouts; fund formation; property acquisitions and sales; joint ventures; development deals; construction matters; ground leases and commercial leases.

Belinda frequently advises clients in single asset and portfolio transactions involving residential, hospitality, office and retail properties across the U.S. She has also advised on several of New York City's largest development projects, including Brooklyn Bridge Park's Empire Stores complex, Downtown Brooklyn's 1.8 million square-foot City Point project, and one of the largest land swaps in Manhattan history, a deal which won REBNY's coveted Most Ingenious Deal of the Year Award. Recently, Belinda has been leading her clients through the impact of COVID-19 on their real estate transactions, development projects, workouts and restructurings, loans and leases as a critical addition to her clients' business team.

Belinda has consistently been ranked one of New York City's leading real estate lawyers by *Chambers USA*, *Best Lawyers in America*, *Super Lawyers*, *Crain's New York Business*, *City & State*, *Real Estate Weekly* and *Real Estate Forum*. Belinda was named *Crain's New York Business* 2021 Notable Women in Law and 2021 Notable in Real Estate. Additionally in 2021, she was named one of *Real Estate Weekly's* Leading Ladies of Real Estate. In 2020, Belinda was named one of *National Law Journal's* Trailblazers in Real Estate/Construction Law and for the past number of years she has been named one of *Bisnow's* New York Power Women.

Family-Owned Real Estate Businesses

Belinda serves as outside general counsel to many family-owned real estate businesses with portfolios valued in excess of \$1 billion. In this role, she helps manage a full range of transactional and operational matters, as well as succession, tax and estate planning concerns. Belinda also uses her keen understanding of interpersonal dynamics to resolve conflict, and when necessary, negotiate business divorces.

International Investors

Belinda has significant experience representing foreign investors from China, Israel, Turkey and South America, who are looking to invest in commercial real estate in the U.S., either as principals, mezzanine investors or preferred equity providers. Navigating cultural differences

and different business practices, Belinda helps to demystify the intricacies of the market for foreign investors.

Services

- Real Estate
- Acquisitions & Sales
- Family Offices
- Industrial Property Transactions and Redevelopment
- Real Estate Development
- Real Estate Joint Ventures
- Real Estate Hospitality
- Private Investment Funds
- Restructuring & Business Divorce
- Not-for-Profits
- International
- Israel
- Turkey
- Nordic
- COVID-19 Task Force and Resource Center

Education

- New York University School of Law (J.D., 1983)
- Barnard College

Accolades

- *Chambers USA* - Real Estate (2018-2021)
- *Crain's New York Business*, Notable Women in Law (2021)
- *Crain's New York Business*, Notable in Real Estate (2021)
- *The Best Lawyers in America*® - Real Estate Law (2021)
- *National Law Journal*, Trailblazers Real Estate/Construction Law (2020)
- *City & State*, The 2020 Law Power 100 (2021 & 2020)
- *Real Estate Weekly* Leading Lady (2018, 2021)
- *Thomson Reuters* New York City *Super Lawyers* (2008 - 2020)
- *Real Estate Weekly* Real Estate Dealmaker (2019)
- *Bisnow* New York Power Woman (2016, 2018, 2019)
- Champion for Change Award, Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Center for Elder Justice (2019)
- *Crain's New York Business*, Leading Women Lawyers in New York City (2017)
- *New York Real Estate Journal* Executive of the Month (2015)
- *Real Estate Forum* Woman of Influence (2008, 2009)



Memberships & Associations

- Legal Outreach, Advisory Board
- Real Women of Real Estate, Founder
- Professional Real Estate Forum (PREF), Board Member
- Real Estate Board of New York (REBNY), Member
- WX New York Women Executives in Real Estate, Member
- TAGLaw®, Member
- American Bar Association, Member

Publications

May 20, 2021

New York Extends Eviction Moratorium Through August 2021

April 20, 2021

Real Estate and Covid: A Tale of Two Cities

October 1, 2020

Pivoting in the Pandemic: Strategic Planning for Not-for-Profits

March 19, 2020

Coronavirus and Considerations for Real Estate Transactions

June 2016

Scope of Displaced Building Workers Protection Act Expanded

May 6, 2013

Five Commandments of Family-Owned Business Divorce
New York Law Journal

July 2012

Foreign Investment in New York City Multifamily Real Estate
Globes

News

June 9, 2021

The Legal 500 United States 2021 Recognizes Herrick in Three Practice Areas
The Legal 500 United States

May 20, 2021

2021 Chambers USA Recognizes Herrick's Real Estate, Litigation and Sports Practices and Lawyers for Excellence
Chambers USA

April 14, 2021

Real Estate Weekly - 2021 Real Estate Leading Ladies
Real Estate Weekly

March 15, 2021

City & State New York: The 2021 Law Power 100
City & State New York

February 12, 2021

Bloomberg Law Leading Questions: Herrick's Belinda Schwartz
Bloomberg Law

January 25, 2021

Crain's NY Business - 2021 Notable in Real Estate
Crain's New York Business

December 22, 2020

NYREJ 2020 Year-End Spotlight: Belinda Schwartz
New York Real Estate Journal

December 21, 2020

Crain's NY Business - 2021 Notable Women in Law
Crain's New York Business

October 28, 2020

Congratulations to Herrick Attorneys on their Selection to Super Lawyers
Super Lawyers

August 20, 2020

Twenty Herrick Attorneys Recognized by Best Lawyers® 2021
Best Lawyers®

April 23, 2020

2020 Chambers USA Recognizes Herrick's Real Estate, Litigation and Sports Practices and Lawyers for Excellence
Chambers USA

April 15, 2020

2020 National Law Journal Trailblazers Real Estate/Construction
The National Law Journal

March 9, 2020

City & State New York: The 2020 Law Power 100
City & State New York

October 10, 2019

Real Estate Weekly's 2019 Real Estate Dealmakers
Real Estate Weekly

September 12, 2019

Congratulations to Herrick Attorneys on their Selection to Super Lawyers
Super Lawyers

July 15, 2019

CRE's Most Powerful Women On Facing Bias And Reshaping The C-Suite
Bisnow

June 20, 2019

NY State Passes The Housing Stability and Tenant Protection Act of 2019
Herrick, Feinstein LLP

May 15, 2019

Belinda Schwartz Honored with Champion for Change Award
Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Center for Elder Justice

May 13, 2019

The 2019 Law Power 50
City & State New York

April 25, 2019

Chambers USA Recognizes Herrick's Real Estate, Litigation and Sports Practices and Lawyers for Excellence
Chambers USA

July 9, 2018

Belinda Schwartz Named one of Bisnow's 2018 Power Women
Bisnow New York

May 31, 2018

Belinda Schwartz and Christina Ying Named Real Estate Weekly Leading Ladies of 2018
Real Estate Weekly

May 4, 2018

Chambers USA Recognizes Herrick's Real Estate, Litigation and Sports Practices and Lawyers for Excellence
Chambers USA

December 18, 2017

Belinda Schwartz Named One of Crain's Leading Women Lawyers in New York City
Crain's New York Business

January 23, 2017

NYC Artifacts Find a Home at This Law Firm
Bloomberg Law

October 3, 2016

New York City's Top Legal Eagles
The Real Deal

June 21, 2016

Schwartz of Herrick, Feinstein handles \$57.5 million deal
New York Real Estate Journal

May 18, 2016

New Trend in Working from Home - in the Outer Boroughs
Real Estate Weekly

April 15, 2016

Guttmans buy 10-acre dev site in Hunts Point for \$24M
The Real Deal

January 20, 2016

5 Takeaways from Bisnow's NY Foreign Investment Event
Bisnow

December 22, 2015

New YorkReal Estate Journal - 2015 Year in Review
New York Real Estate Journal

October 23, 2015

Coverage of Bisnow's NY State of the Market Event
Bisnow

September 9, 2015

Herrick, Feinstein's Belinda Schwartz Talks Record Prices, Foreign Investment and Debt Funds
The Commercial Observer

August 10, 2015

Amerika Gayrimenkul Pazarında Yatırım Stratejileri
BorsaMatik

July 28, 2015

Key Note Speaker at Turkey's Real Estate Series Named "Executive of the Month" by the New York Real Estate Journal
New York Real Estate Journal

July 28, 2015

Herrick Partner Belinda Schwartz Named "Executive of the Month" by the New York Real Estate Journal
New York Real Estate Journal

May 1, 2015

At the Desk of Belinda Schwartz
The Real Deal

March 11, 2015

NHCohen Partners and Herrick, Feinstein Announce Strategic Alliance in Commercial Real Estate
Herrick, Feinstein LLP

December 4, 2014

Has New York Multifamily Lost Its Sheen?
Commercial Observer

March 28, 2014

Mortgage Observer Weekly Q&A with Belinda Schwartz
Mortgage Observer Weekly

January 29, 2014

If She Can Make It Here
Real Estate Bisnow: New York City Edition

January 24, 2014

NYC: Belinda Schwartz Rises to Top
Real Estate Bisnow: National Edition

January 23, 2014

Herrick Joins Handful of Firms with Women at the RE Helm
Real Estate Law 360

January 22, 2014

Herrick, Feinstein Appoints Real Estate Chair
Globest.com

September 18, 2013

Herrick Represents the Orbach Group's Lighthouse Opportunity Fund in \$100M Mortgage Financing
Herrick, Feinstein LLP

May 24, 2013

Herrick Lawyers, Practices Recognized by Chambers USA 2013
Chambers USA

May 7, 2013

Betting on NYC
Real Estate BisNow

May 6, 2013

Litigation Special Section: Five Commandments of Family-Owned Business Divorce
New York Law Journal

February 27, 2013

Ladies with Designs on Building Tomorrow's World
Real Estate Weekly

February 5, 2013

Belinda Schwartz on The Stoler Report
The Stoler Report

December 11, 2012

Women in Real Estate
The Commercial Observer

July 18, 2012

Women of Herrick Featured in Real Estate Weekly
Real Estate Weekly

September 28, 2011

Virtus Real Estate poised to amass \$500 million fund
Austin Business Journal

October 15, 2009

2009 Women of Influence
Real Estate New York

November 1, 2008
2008 Women of Influence
Real Estate New York