

MONICA J. CERES SELECTED AS A RECIPIENT OF CREW'S "20 UNDER 40" AWARD



MIDDLETOWN, NJ – Monica J. Ceres, shareholder at the law firm of Giordano, Halleran & Ciesla, was selected by CREW Network (Commercial Real Estate Women, Inc.) as a recipient of their "20 under 40" award. The award was presented to the top 20 women to watch nationwide within the field of commercial real estate under the age of forty who will likely be influential and have the potential for a senior leadership position in the industry. The winners were announced during CREW Network's 20th Anniversary Gala Dinner at the 2009 CREW Network Convention & Marketplace on October 1, 2009 in Boston, Massachusetts.

CREW Network is a not-for-profit organization founded in 1982 that promotes communication and interaction between experienced commercial real estate professionals. Nominations were based on the following criteria: Individual must be 39 years of age or younger as of December 31, 2009; Individual must be a woman working within a qualified area of commercial real estate; Individual is considered to be a "woman to watch" within her field of commercial real estate; Individual is considered likely to be in an influential and senior-leadership position in the future.

Ms. Ceres devotes her practice to Commercial Real Estate Leasing and the registration of Planned Real Estate Developments. Ms. Ceres counsels individual and corporate landlords and tenants in connection with the preparation, review and negotiation of shopping center, industrial and office real estate leases. Ms. Ceres also prepares the necessary documentation required for the registration of public offering statements and related materials for both condominium and fee-simple style planned real estate developments as regulated by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs. In addition, Ms. Ceres prepares the governing documents for the homeowners' or condominium associations established by the creation of mixed-use, active-adult or large residential planned real estate communities. She is member of the New Jersey Chapter of Industrial Commercial Real Estate Women, Inc., the New Jersey Builders Association and the International Council of Shopping Centers. She also is on the Board of Directors for Collier Youth Services. Ms. Ceres has been selected by *Real Estate New Jersey* as a "Woman of Influence" and has been recognized by *Super Lawyers* as a "New Jersey Rising Star."

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