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REBNY award winners

Industry leaders to be recognized at celebration

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The real estate board of New York will honor these industry professionals at its banquet on Jan. 21.

AWARD: Harry B. Helmsley Distinguished New Yorker

RECIPIENT: SAMUEL H. LINDENBAUM

TITLE: Counsel, Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel

Mr. Lindenbaum is a member of the land-use department, with 40 years of experience handling special permits, tax abatements, variances, economic development incentives and other zoning-related matters. He is a vice president and member of the executive committee of the board of governors at REBNY.

AWARD: Bernard H. Mendik Lifetime Leadership in Real Estate

RECIPIENT: DAVID R. GREENBAUM

TITLE: President, Vornado Realty Trust, New York division

Mr. Greenbaum entered the real estate business at The Mendik Co., which merged with Vornado Realty Trust in 1997. He is responsible for all aspects of the firm's New York City portfolio and is a member of the executive committee of the board of governors for REBNY.

He is also a trustee and a member of the executive committee of the Citizens Budget Commission.

AWARD: Louis Smadbeck Broker Recognition

RECIPIENT: ROBERT A. KNAKAL

TITLE: Chairman, founding partner, Massey Knakal Realty Services

Prior to co-founding the firm in 1988, Mr. Knakal shared CB Richard Ellis' top salesman award in New York with his firm's co-founder, Paul J. Massey. Over the past 20 years, Massey Knakal has been involved in the sale of more than 1,000 buildings worth over \$5.8 billion. In 1993, Mr. Knakal became the youngest person ever to serve as president of the National Realty Conference.

He has won the Robert T. Lawrence Award for the REBNY Most Ingenious Deal of the Year, along with Mark Massey.

AWARD: George M. Brooker Management Executive of the Year

RECIPIENT: RALPH J. DIRUGGIERO

TITLE: Vice president, property management, Paramount Group Inc.

Mr. DiRuggiero oversees all property management operations and security. He established the firm's San Francisco presence and is responsible for leasing in that market, as well as management of the firm's 12 million-square-foot portfolio.

He began his career as a budget analyst in New York City's Office of Management and Budget, later becoming assistant county administrator for Essex County, N.J. He moved to the private sector in 1987, signing on as a district manager at Williams Real Estate.

AWARD: Kenneth R. Gerrety Humanitarian

RECIPIENT: FREDERICK W. PETERS

TITLE: President, Warburg Realty Partnership Ltd.

Mr. Peters began his career in real estate at Albert B. Ashforth in the 1980s. In 1991, he bought the firm and renamed it. Since then, it has grown to 150 brokers and expanded to three locations in New York City.

Mr. Peters is on the REBNY board of directors, residential division, and is a member of the executive committee of the board of governors. He won the Henry Forster Award in 1996.

AWARD: Young Real Estate Man of the Year

RECIPIENT: TODD KORREN

TITLE: Senior vice president, director of commercial leasing and operations, Swig Equities

In his more than 25 years in the business, Mr. Korren has negotiated more than 830 leases covering more than 5 million square feet, participated in more than 20 acquisitions and dispositions, and coordinated approximately 300 construction projects. At Swig, he is responsible for all leasing activity and commercial operations.

He is also an executive vice president at Helmsley Spear.

Mr. Korren sits on REBNY's sales, economic development and rental conditions committees.