

## HONOREES AT REBNY BANQUET

At each annual RebnY banquet, the association honors a distinguished group of leaders who are presented with top honors for their outstanding professional success and exceptional contributions to the real estate industry. Among those to be honored at the dinner are Rob Speyer, RebnY's outgoing chairman; New York Senator Charles Schumer; and other real estate professionals.

"Rob Speyer's generosity of spirit and strategic guidance throughout his tenure as RebnY chairman represents the very best of New York City. I want to thank him and each of the award winners for their extensive contributions to our industry through their professional accomplishments, leadership and dedicated service," said RebnY president Banks.

Here are the honorees:



**ROB SPEYER**  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
Tishman Speyer

Rob Speyer, president and C.E.O. of Tishman Speyer, will receive The Harry B. Helmsley Distinguished New Yorker Award. The award is presented to an industry member for his or her invaluable contributions to New York's civic welfare and real estate community, according to RebnY. Speyer has served five years as RebnY chairman. Since 2013, he has led RebnY through the first change in RebnY presidents in 30 years and two mayoral administrations.

"Rob Speyer's record of service and civic leadership as RebnY chairman will be a tough act to follow," said incoming RebnY chairman William Rudin in making the announcement. "His vision and dedication to the industry has made RebnY a stronger and better organization than ever before."

Speyer has guided his firm's growth into a leading global real estate investment management firm with assets under management in excess of \$45 billion, according to RebnY. Under his leadership, the company has delivered more than 36 million square feet of development and redevelopment across 30 markets, serving the needs of 2,300 industry-leading tenants around the world.

In addition to his work with RebnY, Speyer is chairman of the advisory board of the Mayor's Fund to Advance New York City. He serves on the board of trustees of New York-Presbyterian Hospital and St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City, where he was co-chairman of the construction committee overseeing its restoration and renovation. He is also a member of the Shanghai Mayor's International Business Leaders Advisory Council.



**CHARLES SCHUMER**  
United States Senator  
New York

Charles Schumer, New York's senior United States senator will receive The John E. Zuccotti Public Service Award. This award recognizes a New Yorker who has displayed exceptional accomplishments and service in the public's interest. It is named for the late John E. Zuccotti, chairman of RebnY from 2004 to 2006 and a long-standing member of its executive committee. Zuccotti also had a distinguished career as a public official, including serving as first deputy mayor and chairman of New York City's Department of City Planning during some of the city's most difficult times, according to RebnY.

Throughout four senate terms, Schumer has worked across the aisle to protect the middle class and find common sense solutions to national issues, said RebnY in announcing the honor. RebnY further stated that Senator Schumer has dedicated his career to being a tireless fighter for New York. From authoring a permanent tax credit to offset the rising costs of college tuition, to protecting Social Security and Medicare, and encouraging job-creating infrastructure projects, he has worked to successfully retain New York jobs that were at risk of leaving and to attract many new firms to New York to create many thousands of new jobs.

"We are delighted to honor New York's senior senator. Chuck Schumer's tireless commitment to New York captures the very spirit of the Zuccotti Award. Our 122nd annual banquet will be a night to remember as we celebrate all our honorees, and the entire real estate community," added Rudin.

In addition to Speyer and Schumer, RebnY announced five award winners who will be recognized at the largest annual real estate networking event in New York City.



**ELIZABETH STRIBLING**  
Chairman  
Stribling & Associates

Elizabeth Stribling, chairman of Stribling & Associates, will receive The Bernard H. Mendik Lifetime Leadership in Real Estate Award for her exceptional accomplishments in the profession, leadership and service to the real estate industry over the course of her distinguished career, according to RebnY. This leadership award, first bestowed in 2003, is presented to RebnY members who have displayed exceptional service to the real estate industry and professional accomplishments over the course of distinguished careers. It is named for the late Bernard Mendik, chairman of RebnY from 1992 until his passing in 2001 and longest holder of that title in the board's history. She founded Stribling & Associates in 1980. Since then, it has grown to include four offices and over 300 agents across Manhattan and Brooklyn, noted RebnY. She oversees sales and marketing efforts for a vast portfolio of new development offerings. She

serves on RebnY's board of governors and was previously honored with the RebnY Residential Brokerage Division's Henry Forster Award for Lifetime Achievement for outstanding excellence, ethical conduct and contributions to the real estate industry and community-at-large. Additionally, she serves as chairman of the French Heritage Society and on the board of directors for the Women's Committee of the Central Park Conservancy, New York Landmarks Conservancy and the American Hospital of Paris Foundation, according to RebnY. She was previously a trustee of The Hewitt School and served on the board of directors for the Foreign Policy Association, Cambridge in America, the French-American Foundation and the Institut Pasteur.



**RICHARD LEFRAK**  
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer  
LeFrak

Richard LeFrak, chairman and C.E.O. of LeFrak, will receive The Kenneth R. Gerrety Humanitarian Award, which recognizes a RebnY member's meritorious service to the community. The Kenneth R. Gerrety Humanitarian Award was first given in 1989. It recognizes RebnY members' outstanding service to the community. The award memorializes Kenneth Gerrety who served RebnY as executive vice president for 18 years. The award is presented at RebnY's annual banquet, according to RebnY. LeFrak, which owns more than 40 million square feet of real property across the United States, is a 116-year-old firm whose portfolio is primarily focused on the New York Metropolitan area with significant interests in South Florida and the West Coast, according to RebnY. The LeFrak family and LeFrak charitable foundations have supported many philanthropic organizations and projects including the Guggenheim Museum, New York-Presbyterian Hospital, the American Museum of Natural History, Prospect Park, Barnard College, the New York Philharmonic and the Metropolitan Opera. In addition to his service on RebnY's board of governors, LeFrak has served on the Prostate Cancer Foundation's board of directors and as vice chairman of the board of trustees for the American Museum of Natural History. He was previously a trustee of Amherst College and of Trinity School, RebnY reported.



**JOANNE PODELL**  
Executive Vice Chairman  
Cushman & Wakefield

Joanne Podell, executive vice chairman at Cushman & Wakefield, will receive The Louis Smadbeck Memorial Broker Recognition Award, which celebrates a commercial broker with exceptional personal and professional integrity, leadership, prominence in the brokerage community and service to RebnY's committees, according to the association. This award was established in 1991 by RebnY's Commercial Brokerage divisions; it honors a RebnY broker with personal and professional integrity, long-term leadership and prominence in the brokerage community and participation in RebnY's committees. Named for an exemplary broker who died shortly after being selected to receive it, the award is presented at RebnY's annual banquet, according to RebnY. In 2016, Podell became the first broker in Cushman & Wakefield's retail services division to receive the title of executive vice chairman. With nearly 25 years of commercial real estate experience, extensive market knowledge and a client-focused approach, Podell continues to solidify her reputation as one of the most respected retail brokers in New York City, according to RebnY. A three-time recipient of the prestigious RebnY Retail Deal of the Year Award, Podell was declared Cushman & Wakefield's 2016 global top broker, the first time that a retail broker has been the sole recipient of such a recognition. Podell was named Cushman & Wakefield's overall top retail broker in the United States for both 2014 and 2015. She is consistently ranked as one of the company's top-ten U.S. brokers across all service lines. Podell serves as a member of RebnY's Commercial Brokerage Division board of directors, Retail Committee, and Lower Manhattan Office Building Committee.



**GENE BONIBERGER**  
Senior Vice President and Director  
of Building Operations  
Rudin Management Company, Inc

Gene Boniberger, senior vice president and director of building operations for Rudin Management Company, Inc., will receive The George M. Brooker Management Executive of the Year Award, which recognizes individuals of superior accomplishment in property management based on outstanding professionalism, civic achievement and contributions to the real estate industry, according to RebnY. The management division of RebnY created this