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CREW Philadelphia celebrates its Member Award Recipients in 2013

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CREW (Commercial Real Estate Women) Philadelphia is the industry's premier business networking organization dedicated to supporting the achievements of women in commercial real estate. Over 150 local members are engaged in all facets of commercial real estate. As a founding Chapter of CREW Network, CREW Philadelphia works diligently to further the organization's core mission; to influence the success of the commercial real estate industry by focusing on fulfilling four key initiatives: business development, leadership development, industry research and career outreach. With these key initiatives in mind, CREW Philadelphia is proud to acknowledge the following members who have received notable recognition for their professional achievements in 2013.

Sharon Humble, Managing Partner at Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP, received an AV Preeminent Rating from Martindale-Hubbell, which consists of an in-depth peer review process to score the legal knowledge, analytical capabilities, judgment, communication abilities, legal experience, and ethical standards of attorneys. Humble has been an active member of CREW Philadelphia since 2003, served as Chair of the Charitable Initiative Committee during 2010, as Chapter President in 2012 and is currently on the Board of Directors.

Anne Klein, Senior Managing Director of Global Corporate Services at Newmark Grubb Knight Frank co-chaired the American Cancer Society black tie fundraiser raising over \$200,000. Klein has contributed her leadership in CREW Philadelphia on the Professional Development Committee as Member, Co-Chair, Chair, and on the Membership Committee as Co-Chair and Chair.

Keri Lorenson, received the 2013 SmartCEO Executive Management Award for her contribution above and beyond during her tenure as COO with Newmark Grubb Knight



Sharon N. Humble

Anne Klein

Keri Lorenson

Shannon Richards



Karen Sanchez

Rachel Yoka

Donna Volpone

Jacqueline Buhn

Frank (NGKF). This award is for business executives whose experiences benefit their own organizations and the communities in which they serve. Lorenson has been an active CREW Philadelphia member since 2011 and recently chaired the CREW Philadelphia September event "Women in the Corporate Boardroom".

Shannon Richards, is the 2013 recipient of one of ten national scholarships awarded through CREW Network Foundation Scholarship Program. **Jessica Taylor**, Director of the Villanova University Daniel M. DiLella Center for Real Estate has worked as a mentor encouraging opportunities to support academic learning with industry experience. Taylor has been an active member of CREW Philadelphia since 2011.

Karen M. Sanchez, associate at Obermayer Rebmann Maxwell & Hippel LLP, has been named to this year's Pennsylvania "Lawyers on the Fast Track" list by the Legal Intelligencer. She was also named as one of "Pennsylvania Rising Stars" in 2013, a recognition given to top-up-and-coming lawyers in the Commonwealth. Sanchez concentrates her prac-

tice in financing, creditors' rights, lender liability, real estate development and corporate matters. Sanchez is a new member to CREW Philadelphia in 2013.

Rachel Yoka, vice president of Strategic Business Planning and Sustainability for Timothy Haahs & Associates, Inc., won two awards in 2013. Yoka was named "Sustainability Leadership Pioneer" by the Green Parking Council in recognition for her contributions as a parking specialist. She was also named "Woman of the Year" by the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS), Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter, in a fundraising competition. Yoka has been an active member of CREW Philadelphia since 2010.

Allsteel Inc., a premium office furniture manufacturer, won six different awards in 2013 for product design including systems furniture, architectural walls and seating. Among the awards were 2 Best of NeoCon Gold in systems and software technology categories, and an IDEA win for seating from the Industrial Designers Society of America (IDSA).

Donna Volpone, Business Development Manager for

Allsteel, has participated on both the Events and Community Outreach committees at CREW Philadelphia and will be Chair of the Events Committee in 2014. Currently, she is running the 2013 silent auction for the annual Fall Charitable Luncheon.

AthenianRazak LLC, property and construction managers of 833 Chestnut Street in Philadelphia, earned among the highest tenant satisfaction ratings of all 122 buildings in the owner's portfolio. The owner, **Digital Realty**, has been a platinum sponsor of CREW's Philadelphia's Fall Charitable Luncheon for over a decade. **Jacqueline Buhn**, President of **AthenianRazak**, was a Past President of CREW Philadelphia and **Janet Kimbleton Grace**, Senior Project Manager serves as 2013 Chapter President.

Fox Chase Bank was named among the 2013 Top Workplaces by the Philadelphia Inquirer and 2013 Top Philanthropic Donor by the Philadelphia Business Journal. **Sue Welch**, VP Commercial Lending at **Fox Chase Bank**, has been a member since 2007 serving in many leadership positions including Co-Chair of Sponsorship in 2012. ■