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## **Krokidas named Entrepreneur of the Year by New England Women in RE**

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Krokidas & Bluestein LLP, a Boston-based law firm, announced today that its founder Maria Krokidas has been named Entrepreneur of the Year by New England Women in Real Estate, a professional organization promoting the advancement of women within the commercial real estate industry.

Krokidas is a founder of Krokidas & Bluestein and leads the firm's transactional group. She has over thirty-five years' experience representing for-profit, non-profit and public entities in real estate, finance and corporate matters. She has advised numerous non-profit, for-profit and quasi-public entities on all matters relating to corporate organization and operations including statutory and regulatory compliance and implementation

Krokidas was one of 17 women honored by New England Women in Real Estate for their accomplishments at a dinner event on April 14 at the Fairmont Copley Plaza Hotel.

Krokidas previously served as a law clerk to the justices of the Massachusetts Superior Court and was an associate at another Boston firm. She is a magna cum laude graduate of Mount Holyoke College and a cum laude graduate of Harvard Law School. In 2008, Maria was given the President's Heart of Gold Award from Advocates, Inc. She is also a recipient of the 2004 Lelia J. Robinson Award of the Women's Bar Association of Massachusetts, a recipient of the Massachusetts Women's Political Caucus Abigail Adams Award, and a recipient of the "Health Care Heroes" award from the South End Community Health Center's Familia Unida event.

Krokidas & Bluestein LLP provides legal services in the areas of real estate development, management and finance, public and non-profit general corporate law, social services, health and education law, public and private civil litigation, and labor and employment law. The firm is staffed by 21 attorneys, 13 of whom are women, and is certified by the State Office of Minority and Women Business Assistance (SOMWBA) as a woman-owned business enterprise.

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