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2023 Women in CRE: Lydia Chesnick, Bernkopf

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What recent project, transaction, or accomplishment are you most proud of? While my background is real estate, I do a lot of work with multi-generational families including transitioning businesses and other assets to the next generation. I am currently working with a family with an exceedingly talented next gen, with complex holdings that span numerous asset classes including real estate. I am enormously proud of what's been accomplished thus far and honored to work with this incredible family.

What are the most important factors women in your industry should consider when choosing a firm to build their career with? Since one size rarely fits all, the question is "does the firm provide the resources and flexibility to allow you to achieve your personal career objectives?" For me, my goal is to be an advisor, strategist and trusted resource so a collaborative, resource-rich firm is essential.

Who inspires you most? What qualities do they possess that inspire you? My father. He defined the word original. He became a single dad at a time when there was no template. Like everything else, he simply figured it out. He traveled for work so I was his faithful sidekick. I learned more from our travels than from textbooks. He never doubted I could be anything I wanted to be, and I believed him. He was extraordinary.

Why should this nominee be recognized in our Women in CRE Spotlight? "Lydia's multifaceted real estate approach makes her an invaluable asset to her diverse client base. Renowned for her problem-solving acumen and long-term relationship-building, Lydia is a trusted advisor who contributes to state policy and community housing. Her holistic approach to law merits recognition in Women in CRE." - Jeannette Riendeau, Director of Marketing at Bernkopf.