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## **2024 Women in CRE: Meredith Swisher, Bernkopf Goodman LLP**

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What recent project, transaction, or accomplishment are you most proud of? As a commercial litigator, I am always pleased when litigation can be used as an effective tool or otherwise resolved in order to advance my client's commercial development or project. By way of example, I recently resolved litigation enabling a developer client to reinstate expired development and easement rights to complete a condominium project.

What advice do you have for young women aspiring to enter commercial real estate? I would advise young women to nurture and grow their networks immediately and continuously. I would also recommend that young women find both a mentor and a sponsor to support their career development, and to understand the difference between those key roles.

What challenges have you faced as a woman in commercial real estate? As a woman litigating commercial real estate disputes, at times I have been underestimated, especially if I am the only woman in the Courtroom or at the negotiating table.

What is your vision for the future of women in commercial real estate? I envision a future where there is equal representation at all levels, and more doors are open for women across all industry levels.

Why should this nominee be recognized in our Women in Commercial Real Estate Spotlight?

"Attorney Swisher has reached the pinnacle at her law firm. An accomplished real estate litigator, she now serves on her firm's Executive Committee and mentors young attorneys so that they can see themselves in her shoes, as a leader with a seat at the table. She began decades ago at the same firm she started out in as a law student and, with their support, became Partner and a role model for female associates." - Danielle Justo, Esq., Shareholder, Co-chair Real Estate at Rich May, P.C.