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Who's Who in Women in Professional Services

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ELENE MICHAELS

Herman Katz Cangemi & Clyne

Elene Michaels is an associate with Herman Katz Cangemi & Clyne (HKCC) in Melville. Michaels joined the firm directly upon completion of law school. A proven self-starter, Michaels works on cases involving condemnation and/or the valuation of commercial properties throughout New York State. She has also been involved in litigation at the Appellate Level for the firm's clients.

"The biggest challenge we face as tax certiorari attorneys in these increasingly difficult economic times is aggressively contesting the validity of the assessments placed upon commercial properties and obtaining the best results as expeditiously as possible for our clients," Michaels said. "It is undisputed that property owners have endured decreased revenue due to increasing vacancies, while expenses and tax burdens have steadily increased. Our clients find themselves in untenable financial positions and are looking to us for relief."



"The dilemma is that quick relief and the relief necessary to ensure the continued viability of these properties, are often in direct conflict, particularly with municipalities with shrinking tax coffers," she said. "This has made for a set of circumstances where vigilant, trial experienced attorneys are needed."

Michaels is a member of the Nassau County Bar Association, the New York Bar Association, and the Long Island Real Estate Group. She earned a juris doctor from Hofstra University School of Law and a bachelor's degree in accounting and finance from the Martin J. Whitman School of Management of Syracuse University.

While in law school, Michaels worked as a summer law clerk for HKCC and other New York law firms.

Herman Katz Cangemi & Clyne, with offices in Melville and New York City, is recognized within the industry for its depth of experience and for providing exceptional client service.

The partners at HKCC are among the most experienced and respected commercial property tax attorneys and advisers in New York State. They also have represented clients at both the administrative and judicial levels throughout the tri-state area as well as across the nation. HKCC combines its unique trial and transactional expertise in both real estate tax and eminent domain proceedings with a pragmatic and flexible approach to meet and exceed its clients' needs and expectations.

The firm has successfully obtained outstanding – and in many cases unprecedented – real estate tax refunds and savings for its clients, which include local, regional, and national owners and tenants of properties, including industrial; commercial; retail, including regional malls and big box operations; multi-family and apartment complexes; self-storage facilities; and golf and country clubs.