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## Ricca of Forchelli, Curto selected as a top "Fifty around Fifty" leader



James Ricca, Forchelli, Curto, Deegan, Schwartz, Mineo, Cohn & Terrana LLP

James Ricca, banking and finance partner at Forchelli, Curto, Deegan, Schwartz, Mineo, Cohn & Terrana LLP was selected as a "Fifty Around Fifty," leader by Long Island Business News.

Ricca was selected because of his leadership in business, mentoring, and commitment to the community. Ricca concentrates his practice in the areas of banking and finance law; foreclosures; creditor's rights; trusts and estates; corporate law; and real estate litigation. Ricca counsels individuals, small businesses and institutional lenders and has significant experience representing private and institutional lenders on large commercial mortgage loan transactions.

Ricca began his career as a Bronx assistant district attorney and later joined the general law practice of Ricca & Donnelly where his father was a principal. At Ricca & Donnelly, Ricca carried forward the firm's concentration in the practice of banking, real estate law and trusts and estates. After ascending to managing partner, he merged Ricca & Donnelly with Forchelli, Curto, et al. in 2002.

Ricca is admitted to the New York State Bar and the Federal District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York. He is a member of the New York State and Nassau County Bar Associations and is Chairman of the Queens County Bar Association's Banking Law Committee. Ricca has authored articles concerning foreclosures and banking law and has given his time to various community groups including lecturing to first time home buyers. Ricca has also been recognized by the Neighborhood Housing Development Corp. for pro bono services, has served as a volunteer mentor with the Big Brothers/Big Sisters Organization and as a Trustee on the Board of Jamaica Hospital.

Founded in 1976, Forchelli, Curto, Deegan, Schwartz, Mineo, Cohn, & Terrana LLP is one of Long Island's most acclaimed and distinguished law firms. With offices in Uniondale and Melville, NY, the Firm is conveniently located for clients in Nassau and Suffolk. The Firm employs nearly 50 attorneys who provide counsel to a broad range of clients,

including national, regional and local businesses, major real estate developers and organizations, banks, insurance companies, municipalities, educational institutions, and individuals. Personal attention and quality representation that is both practical and cost-effective are hallmarks of the Firm's policy towards clients.

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