

When Luise A. Barrack became the managing member of Rosenberg & Estis in 2010, she had one primary goal: to enhance the breadth of the firm's services in every aspect of residential and commercial real estate.

Thanks to this strategy, Rosenberg & Estis has grown from 45 attorneys to more than 80 attorneys today. And now, for two years in a row, The Real Deal Magazine has distinguished the firm as the largest real estate practice among New York City law firms.

"We did not set out to be New York City's largest real estate law firm—just the best," Barrack notes. "Within real estate there is a wide variety of disciplines; as a client-centric firm, we want to be able to handle all of our clients' real estate needs, including in areas such as lender work, mortgage foreclosure, and land use and zoning."

Given its depth of knowledge, Rosenberg & Estis is the first choice among the city's most prominent developers, landlords, and institutions. Concrete examples of the firm's work can be seen throughout New York City, including One Bryant Park, One World Trade Center, and Four Times Square.

"As far as local knowledge and dealing with New York real estate, no one knows it better than the attorneys here," Barrack says. "Whether we're working on large-scale development projects or smaller ventures, we create unique solutions for clients that help them overcome roadblocks, resolve disputes, and complete deals."

Barrack, the first woman in the firm's history to serve as its managing member, has been an integral part of Rosenberg & Estis for more than three decades. Before entering private practice, she served as an assistant district attorney for four years, and brought to the firm a fearlessness that can only come from having tried a large volume of criminal cases. She has brought that same tenacity to her dual role as head of both the firm and its litigation department.

"In leaving the district attorney's office to go into private practice, I looked for work that would be just as challenging, and I found that at Rosenberg & Estis," Barrack says. "I consider myself incredibly fortunate to have joined a firm that practices law at the level at which we practice, and also to have shaped the growth of the firm."