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Carol A. Sigmond is a partner in the Construction and Litigation practice groups at Greenspoon Marder. With more than four decades of legal experience, Ms. Sigmond focuses her practice on construction and real estate industry matters, including arbitration, appeals, bid protests, contract preparation, mediation, litigation, receivership and suretyship. She represents clients in construction defect litigation relating to issues that arise when adjacent owners develop their properties, as well as expediting a builder's construction project by ensuring that the proper contracts are in place.

As a seasoned practitioner, Ms. Sigmond has a history of litigating construction disputes for public works and buildings in both the public and private sectors. She also has extensive knowledge of preparing contract documents, including design-build, construction management, guaranteed maximum price, and fixed-price contracts. Additionally, Ms. Sigmond is an experienced mediator and arbitrator handling construction or real estate cases for the New York County Supreme Court Commercial Division Roster of Volunteer Mediators and the American Arbitration Association's Roster of Construction Industry Arbitrators.

Additionally, Ms. Sigmond has experience with receivers and receivership, having advised creditors in an e-bike receivership, advised a debtor in an electrical supplier receivership, sought specific performance against a receiver for breach of a sale order and contract, representing a petitioner in a receivership with surcharge issues for mishandling real estate and sales proceeds. She has also advised a receiver in a receivership for a sheet metal contractor.

For several years, Ms. Sigmond has taken an active role in shaping the construction law community in New York. She is a former Vice President of the New York State Bar Association and a former President of the New York County Lawyers Association. Ms. Sigmond is also a frequent speaker and has authored a number of legal publications relating to construction law and publishes "The Co-Op Condo Help Line" in the monthly *Mann Report*. Furthermore, she was a member of Law360's 2020 Construction Editorial Advisory Board. **Click here to view Ms. Sigmond's column entitled "Carol's Corner."**

As a recognized leader, Ms. Sigmond was presented with the Boris Kostelanetz President's Medal in 2024 by the New York County Lawyers Association, named among the Crain's New York Business "Notable Women in Law" list for 2022, and the New York State Bar Association's 2020 "Real Estate Section Award for Professionalism. In addition, she also received the Albert Nelson Marquis "Lifetime Achievement Award" by *Marquis Who's Who* in 2019. She is also listed as "Top Rated" by *New York Super Lawyers* for Construction Litigation.

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Virginia
- U.S. District Court, District of Maryland

- U.S. District Court, District of Columbia
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, District of Columbia
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit
- U.S. Court of Federal Claims
- U.S. Court of International Trade

Bar Admissions

- New York
- Maryland
- District of Columbia
- Virginia

Education

- J.D., The Catholic University of America School of Law
- B.A., Grinnell College

Practice Areas

- Construction
- Litigation
- Mediation
- Real Estate

Representative Experience

- Representation in connection with advising creditors in an e-bike receivership.
- Representation in connection with advising debtor in an electrical supplier receivership.
- Representation in connection with seeking specific performance against a receiver for breach of a sale order and contract.
- Representation in connection with representing petitioner in a receivership where surcharges are in issue for mishandling real estate and proceeds.
- Representation in connection with involvement in receiver sales of property in lien issues, predominantly addressing priority matters.

Professional and Community Involvement

- Levelset, Legal Review Board, New York Construction Attorney
- New York State Bar Association Task Force on Domestic Terrorism and Hate Crimes, Member
- Construction Editorial Advisory Board, Law360, 2019-2022
- American Bar Association (ABA), NY Fellow, Forum on Construction Law
- Citizens Crime Commission of New York City, Lawyers Council
- Construction Lawyers Society of America, Fellow
 - Member, Trial Law Institute and Diversity Law Institute
 - Barrister, Order of Equitas
- Society for Construction Law, North America
- General Contractors Association of New York (GCANY)
- National Conference of Bar Presidents

- New York Building Congress (NYBC), Construction Law Committee
- General Contractors Association (GCA)
- New York County Lawyers Association (NYCLA), 2007 - Present – President (2015-2017); Board of Directors (2007-2015); President-Elect (2014-2015); Vice President (2013-2014); Treasurer (2012-2013); Chair of NYCLA Foundation (2011-12); Chair of the Construction Law Committee (2007-2010)
- New York State Bar Association (NYSBA), Fellow, Vice President, First Judicial District (2017 – Present); Executive Committee (2017 – Present); House of Delegates (2007-2013) Co-Chair Committee on Committees (2018- Present), President's Committee on Access to Justice (2020- Present)

Speaking Engagements

- Speaker, NY OAG CLE, "Worker Safety, Cannabis, and Hazardous Industries", Webinar, July 11, 2024
- Speaker, "Paralegals Role in Construction Law and Drafting Basic" *Lorman Webinar*, May 23, 2024
- Speaker, "Mechanic's Liens in New York: What You Should Know," *Lorman Webinar*, February 27, 2024
- Speaker, "Worker Safety, Cannabis, and Hazardous Industries," *Practicing Law Institute (PLI)*, February 21, 2024
- Speaker, "New York Easements, Rights-of-Way, and Eminent Domain," *Halfmoon*, December 12, 2023
- Speaker, "Construction and Bankruptcy: Avoiding Clawback; Preserving Defenses When a Project Partner Goes Bankrupt," *Strafford*, October 26, 2023
- Featured Speaker, "25 Tips to Prepare for Your Next Conference", *Practicing Law Institute (PLI)*, October 17, 2023
- Speaker, "Construction Contract Bid Errors," Webinar, *Lorman Education Services*, August 29, 2023
- Interviewed, "Analysis: New NY Law To Ban Gas In New Buildings," *Construction Super Conference*, May 16, 2023
- Speaker, "Update on Building Code, New York County Lawyers Association," February 28, 2023
- Speaker, "Bid Protests: Evaluating Administrative and Judicial Options for Presenting a Protest," *Lorman Webinar*, January 26, 2023
- Co- Speaker, "Supply Chain: Anticipating & Planning for Construction Projects," November 2, 2022
- Speaker, "Overcoming Challenges & Managing Risks in Implementing ESG & DEI Initiatives," *ESG & DEI Real Estate Summit*, October 25, 2022
- Presenter, "Pros and Cons of Cost-Plus vs. Fixed Price Contracts," *Lorman Webinar*, September 20, 2022
- Speaker, "FCC Rules And Revenue Sharing With Coops And Condo," *New York State Bar Association*, June 30, 2022
- Presenter, "Practical Considerations and Concerns in Basic Construction Contract Law" *Lorman Webinar*, June 30, 2020
- Presenter, "Cost-Plus Contract Fundamentals," *Lorman Webinar*, March 30, 2020

Recognitions

- New York County Lawyers Association, "Boris Kostelanetz President's Medal," 2024
- *Marquis*, "Who's Who in America," Listee, 2023
- *Super Lawyers* magazine, "New York Super Lawyers," Construction Litigation, 2018-2023
- *Crain's New York Business*, "Notable Women in Law," 2022
- *New York State Bar Association*, Real Estate Section Award for Professionalism, 2020
- *Albert Nelson Marquis* "Lifetime Achievement Award," 2019
- *Marquis* "Who's Who," 2022

Publications

- "Condo Co-Op Helpline: Building Defects - Where is the DOB?," *Mann Report*, April 22, 2024
- "Condo-Co-op Helpline: Issues with Green Building", *Mann Report*, March 4, 2024
- "A New Approach For NY Department Of Buildings," *Construction Super Conference*, February 13, 2024
- "Condo-Co-op Helpline: NYC Conundrum, *Mann Report*, February 5, 2024
- "Condo Co-op Helpline: New York City Real Estate 2024," *Mann Report*, January 2024

- "Condo-Co-op Helpline: Asylum Seekers and the New York City Construction Industry," *Mann Report*, September 2023
- "Condo-Co-op Helpline: Climate Change and Managing Air Conditioning," *Mann Report*, July 2023
- "Condo-Co-op Helpline: Downward Pressure on Residential Co-operative and Condominium Values," *Mann Report*, June 2023
- "Condo-Co-Op Helpline: Thoughts on the 2023 Construction Supply Chain," *Mann Report*, May 2023
- "Condo Co-Op Helpline: RPAPL § And The November 2022 New York City Building Code Amendments," *Mann Report*, April 2023
- "Condo Co-op Helpline: Update on Implementation of Local Law 97," *Mann Report*, March 2023
- "Condo Co-op Helpline: Thoughts on Office to Residential Building Conversions," *Mann Report*, February 2023
- "Condo-Co-op Helpline: Condo and Co-op Issues for 2023," *Mann Report*, January 2023
- "Condo-Co-op Helpline: Cooperative and Condominium Boards - The Need for Full Disclosure," *Mann Report*, November 2022
- "Condo-Co-op Helpline: Cooperative and Condominium Boards and the Business Judgment Rule: Time for a Change?," *Mann Report*, October 2022
- "Condo-Co-op Helpline: Zoning, NIMBY and ZIMBY," *Mann Report*, August 2022
- "Condo Co-op Helpline: Easements and Development," *Mann Report*, June 2022
- "Condo Co-op Helpline: New Tool for New Buildings with Construction Defects," *Mann Report*, May 2022
- "Condo-Co-op Helpline: FCC Rules and Revenue Sharing with Coops and Condos" *Mann Report*, April 2022
- "Condo-Co-op Helpline: NYC Utilities, Property Taxes and the Future of the City" *Mann Report*, March 2022
- "Condo-Co-op Helpline: Foreclosure Moratorium" *Mann Report*, February 2022
- "Condo-Co-op Helpline: New York Real Estate and Construction Trends 2021-2022" *Mann Report*, January 2022
- "Condo-Co-Op Helpline: Cannabis is Coming to Town" *Mann Report*, August 2021
- "Developments in Lateral Support," *Commercial Construction & Renovation Magazine*, August 17, 2021
- "Changing Landscape in Construction: President-Elect Joseph R. Biden, Covid-19, Supply Chain Diversification, Artificial Intelligence, Work Place Safety, & Changing Building Operations," LinkedIn, December 2020
- "Condo Co-op Help Line: Tenant Protection Plans," *Mann Report*, December 2020
- "Condo Co-op Help Line: Beware of Fraudulent Deeds," *Mann Report*, November 2020
- "Condo Co-op Helpline: New Construction Materials," *Mann Report*, November 2020
- "Co-Op Condo Help Line: Impacts Of The COVID-19 Stop Work Order On Neighboring Properties," *Mann Report*, November 2020
- "Condo Co-Op Help Line: Failed Project," *Mann Report*, November 2020
- "Condo Co-Op Help Line: Emergency Preparedness," *Mann Report*, October 2020
- "Condo-Co-op Helpline: Disruption, Technology & Real Estate," *Mann Report*, October 2020
- "Condo Co-Op Help Line: Keeping Residents And Staff Safe During The Coronavirus Pandemic," *Mann Report*, October 2020
- "Condo-Coop Help Line: Residential Buildings and Retail Stores in Phase 4," *Mann Report*, October 2020
- "Condo & Co-op Help Line: New York Department of State Model Plans & Guidance for Reopening," *Mann Report*, October 2020
- "New Normal: COVID-19 After the Pause," *Mann Report*, September 2020
- "Co-Op Condo Help Line: Impacts Of The COVID-19 Stop Work Order On Neighboring Properties," *Mann Report*, May 10, 2020
- "Construction industry matters, contract preparation, mediation, litigation, suretyship, bid protests, appeals and arbitration," Construction Editorial Advisory Board *Law360*, 2020, April 7, 2020
- "Condo Co-Op Help Line: Keeping Residents And Staff Safe During The Coronavirus Pandemic," *Mann Report*, April 6, 2020
- "Condo Co-Op Help Line: Failed Project," *Mann Report*, March 3, 2020
- "Condo Co-Op Help Line: Emergency Preparedness," *Mann Report*, February 10, 2020
- "Recent Investigation, Prosecution and Legislation Regarding Fraudulent Deeds," *New York Real Estate Law Reporter*, December 1, 2019
- "Diverse Leaders To Take Over All 59 of NY State Bar Association's Committees," *New York Law Journal*, June 3, 2019
- "State Bar Takes Unprecedented Steps to Diversify Leadership," *New York State Bar Association*, June 3, 2019
- "Condo Co-Op Help Line: Mechanic's Lien and Proprietary Leases," *Mann Report Management*, April 1, 2019

- "Condo Co-Op Help Line Tenant Protection Plans," *Mann Report*, January 15, 2019
- "Condo Co-op Help Line: Soil Erosion or Not? How to Protect Your Property from Undermining," *Mann Report*, May 1, 2018
- "Condo Co-op Help Line: Home Improvement Contracts Revisited," *Mann Report*, March 1, 2018

In The News

- Quoted, "Walmart Legal Weed Job Bias Appeal Shines Light on Complex Issue," *Bloomberg Law*, March 5, 2024
- Quoted, "Designers should document expectations to cut E&O risks," *Business Insurance*, March 1, 2024
- Quoted, "Why the Amazon noose lawsuit is 'a big deal'," *Construction Dive*, October 31, 2023
- Quoted, "No criminal charges in Hard Rock collapse; DA blames OSHA," *Construction Dive*, October 11, 2023
- Quoted, "OSHA proposes change to walkaround rule," *Construction Dive*, August 31, 2023
- Featured, "Building Regs In New York: A Peek into the Future," *Construction Super Conference*, July 18, 2023
- Quoted, "The Dotted Line: Why ChatGPT Needs a (Construction) Lawyer," *Construction Dive*, May 30, 2023
- Featured, "Analysis: New NY Law to Ban Gas in New Buildings," *Construction Super Conference*, May 16, 2023
- Quoted, "Tutor Perini had the most OSHA violations among contractors during the past decade," *Construction Dive*, March 21, 2023
- Quoted, "Legal marijuana and work: What to know about drug testing, policies and more," *Newsday*, February 3, 2023
- Quoted, "The Dotted Line: What's up with WOTUS?" *Construction Dive*, January 31, 2023
- Quoted, "Jury awards \$48M to carpenter paralyzed in NYC jobsite fall," *Construction Dive*, December 15, 2022
- Quoted, "New suit alleges RealPage, Greystar, others colluded on student housing," *Construction Dive*, November 10, 2022
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- Quoted, "Construction executive's house, cars vandalized by anti-development activists," *Construction Dive*, October 6, 2022
- Quoted, "\$9.5B NYC airport project adopts ADR for workers' comp," *Construction Dive*, October 5, 2022
- Featured, "Feds: No Vaccine Mandates," *Construction Super Conference*, September 13, 2022
- Quoted, "Experts weigh in on OSHA trench death enforcement," *Construction Dive*, July 21, 2022
- Quoted, "Surfside condo site sells for \$120M," *Multifamily Dive*, May 24, 2022
- Quoted, "Construction firms search for legal loopholes to federal contractor vaccine mandate," *Construction Dive*, November 23, 2021
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- Quoted, "The war for talent: How contractors battle for workers" *Construction Dive*, September 7, 2021
- Quoted, "The Dotted Line: How to navigate vaccine mandates" *Construction Dive*, August 31, 2021
- Quoted, "Dotted Line: Contractors can still be liable for failures years after project completion," *Construction Dive*, July 27, 2021
- Quoted, "Tech 101: Autonomous machinery," *Construction Dive*, July 21, 2021
- Quoted, "OSHA launches weekend jobsite inspections in Colorado," *Construction Dive*, June 23, 2021
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- Featured, "Greenspoon Taps 2 Attys For Construction Group In NY," *Law360*, May 24, 2021
- Quoted, "Why American homebuyers will struggle to get insurance" *Mortgage Professional America*, May 12, 2021
- Client Alert: Safer Federal Worker Task Force Issues New Guidance for Federal Contractors and Subcontractors
- New York Cannabis Business End Game: Real Estate

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- Greenspoon Marder Partner Carol Sigmond Recognized as a 2023 Honored Listee by Marquis Who's Who in America
- Super Lawyers Recognizes Nine Greenspoon Marder Attorneys in New York Metro 2023 Edition
- Super Lawyers Recognizes Nine Greenspoon Marder Attorneys In New York Metro 2022 Edition
- Greenspoon Marder Partner Carol Sigmond Selected To Crain's New York Business 2022 Notable Women in Law List
- Super Lawyers Recognizes 11 Greenspoon Marder Attorneys In New York Metro 2021 Edition
- Greenspoon Marder Expands Construction Practice Group with the Addition of Two Attorneys in New York

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