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American Bar Association Forum on Construction Law Promotes Education

By Thomas L. Rosenberg, Chair, American Bar Association Forum on Construction Law

The American Bar Association (ABA) Forum on Construction Law provides opportunities for lawyers and students to learn about the construction process. It hosts three multiday programs a year that highlight key issues relevant to construction law. The next meeting will be Oct. 23–25 in Philadelphia.

This fall, ABA will also present its Sticks & Bricks program, bringing

construction and engineering company leaders together for a day of instruction on construction concepts. Programs will cover engineering concepts, building information modeling, site development, sustainable design, construction systems and technologies, and more. The events will be held on Sept. 9 in Charlotte, N.C., and Sept. 20 in New York City, Chicago and Sacramento, Calif.

In addition, the Forum participates actively in the ACE Mentor Program, which engages and enlightens high school students on careers in architecture, engineering and construction through mentorship and other activities. The Forum supports ACE Mentor's goals of creating the best construction workforce and assisting students as they explore opportunities in the industry. ♦

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When a 100-year-old company renovates a 100-year-old local school building, it's a unique and special experience—and that's exactly what's happening in New York City today.

The DeMatteis Organization is a construction and real estate development business founded in 1918 that's been continuously run by the DeMatteis family since its inception, with third- and fourth-generation members currently at the helm. Among all of its other projects in different sectors, DeMatteis is currently building 77,000 sq ft of new facilities and renovating more than 81,000 sq ft at PS 46 in the Bronx, a school that has also reached its century milestone.

PS 46 is just one of various projects that DeMatteis is constructing for the New York City School Construction Authority. This year, the company is putting the final touches on nearly 120,000 sq ft of new construction and renovation at New York's PS 24 and more than 115,000 sq ft at PS 14 in the Bronx. In 2020, DeMatteis will complete construction of the 124,000-sq-ft PS 667 in Brooklyn and the 84,000-sq-ft PS 375 in Queens, as well as PS 46.

Slated for completion in 2021 is the new 97,000-sq-ft PS 70 on Staten Island and the 120,000-sq-ft Academy of American Studies in Queens. Also scheduled for 2021 completion is the renovation and new construction at PS 143 in Queens. The total area will exceed 113,000 sq ft.

The firm's Vice President Alex DeMatteis says, "We plan to be around 100 years from now to renovate these fine New York schools that are currently just coming to life." ♦



Pictured (from left) are Michael DeMatteis (fourth generation), Scott DeMatteis (third generation), Richard DeMatteis (third generation) and Alex DeMatteis (fourth generation).

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