#### Commercial Real Estate Ones to Watch



RORERT RIFR

STEVEN J. COLLINS



CHRISTINE DONALDSON RUCCIA

FRIC HOWELL



YARIV KAFRI

CHARLES KEFLING

#### **Robert Bier**

Vice President, Business Development TM Rier & Associations Inc.

As vice president of business development. Bier has been instrumental in the growth of the Glen Cove-based control systems engineering company. A LEED accredited professional. Bier has played a major role in a wide range of building automation and energy management projects. His sales skills have helped the company enter into long-standing relationships with Fortune 500 companies and closely held businesses in a wide range of industries. Bier is an active member of the U.S. Green Building Council's Long Island Chapter and served as its treasurer from 2007 to 2009.

### Steven J. Collins

Vice President of Corporate Development Island International

A 25-year veteran of the building materials industry, Collins is well-versed in construction, with particular expertise in the building envelope. He currently serves as vice president of corporate development for the Calverton-based firm. which manufactures and installs unitized wall systems. Prior to joining Island International, the University of Michigan graduate held senior management positions for several companies. He was vice president of corporate development and marketing for Dryvit Systems, president of Permatone Coatings Inc., senior vice president of I/C Systems and president of IMI Inc.

## Christine Donaldson Boccia

**Executive Manager, Donaldson Traditional Interiors** 

Donaldson Boccia recently became the first female board member of the Association of Wall-Ceiling & Carpentry Industries of New York in the organization's 93year history, Donaldson Boccia, who took the reigns of the Huntington Station-based company in 2007, represents the fifth generation in the Donaldson family to work in the business, which is more than a century old. In her tenure, she has more than doubled the firm's annual revenue. Donaldson Boccia was recently nominated for the Salute to Women of Achievement 2011 award, to be presented by the New York Chapter of the Professional Women in Construction.

### **Eric Howell**

Design Engineer, Audio Unlimited

Howell recently joined Hicksville-based Planet Verte, which does business as Audio Unlimited. Howell specializes in the design and tuning of audio systems for commercial spaces, auditoriums, live music venues and home theaters. Most recently, Howell was an acoustical consultant for SH Acoustics in Milford, Conn., where he analyzed architectural sound isolation and acoustical factors, performed acoustical measurements and prepared reports detailing acoustical designs and recommendations. His résumé includes projects for the Birthplace of Country Music Museum in Bristol, Va., St. John's University Academic Center in Queens and the Empire State Building in Manhattan.

### Yariy Kafri

**CEO. Ziggurat Systems** 

Kafri recently celebrated his first anniversary with the Lynbrook-based firm, which provides building information modeling - computerized models of architectural. mechanical, electrical and other systems of a building - to streamline construction projects. Kafri's career path previously took him to Tokyo, where he served as general manager of the Asia Pacific region for VocalTec and was heavily involved in the early adontion of Voice over Internet Protocol technology in the telecommunications market. He has since served as vice president of sales for a media messaging firm and as president of a closely held construction management firm, both in Manhattan.

# Charles Keeling

Safety Director, Gershow Recycing For more than five years, Keeling has served as safety director of Gershow Recvcling, which has six locations on Long Island. His responsibilities include planning, developing and coordinating the occupational safety and health of the firm's personnel, equipment and environment. President of the Long Island Chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers, Keeling has more than 25 years of diversified safety experience. During his tenure at Gershow, he has spearheaded several large-scale training and disaster preparedness exercises with local fire departments and other organizations. Prior to joining Gershow, Keeling was safety manager for Tully Construction, where he worked on the World Trade Center disaster recovery and cleanup.