



LEFT TO RIGHT, STARTING WITH TOP ROW **Row One:** KyAnn Anderson, Jason Arndt, Raymond P. Beaudry Jr., Karen Colby, Matthew Consigli, Bonita Boeckman Cook, Sarah Desiderio, Laura Handler  
**Row Two:** Ryan Hutchins, Martin J. O'Neill, Mark Pasciuto, Paul Reiss, Kenneth E. Rubinstein, Patrick Triggs, Matthew Tripp, Frank Valdes

# New England's Top Young Professionals

Talented emerging leaders under age 40 are injecting new life into New England's well-established design and construction community. **BY BRUCE BUCKLEY**

**E**ven within the well-established New England design and construction community, there's still ample room for fresh new talent. In ENR's inaugural feature of top young professionals in New England, we showcase an impressive collection of current and future leaders under the age of 40. Some, like Matthew Consigli of Consigli Construction, have elevated long-standing family businesses to a new level of success. Others, such as Ryan Hutchins of Gilbane Co., have risen up the ranks within some of the nation's largest firms to assume leadership roles.

Although all of our featured professionals are based in Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode

Island or Vermont, many have gained influence well beyond New England. In some cases, individuals such as Laura Handler of Tocci Building, have established themselves as respected industry experts.

Those recognized by ENR either nominated themselves or were nominated by colleagues. Each was selected by an independent jury on the basis of a number of factors, including career experience, industry leadership and community service.

This year's judges included: Deb Michener, senior associate at Stantec Planning and Landscape Architecture; Shawn Seaman, vice president and chief operating officer in healthcare and science & technology at Suffolk Construction; and Mark Walsh-Cooke, principal at Arup.



*"Laura Handler ... has accomplished more than most professionals do in several decades, and some their entire careers."*

—JOHN TOCCI, Chief Enabling Officer, Tocci Building Cos.

#### **MATTHEW CONSIGLI**

***Built family business from local company to regional player***

39, Vice President

**Consigli Construction Co.**

Milford, Mass.



The fourth generation of the Consigli family to lead the 108-year-old company, Matthew, along with his brother Anthony, who is the firm's president, have grown Consigli Construction from a small central Massachusetts general contractor with a 2002 volume of \$79.9 million to a \$633.1-million business today that has offices in Massachusetts, Connecticut, Maine and New York. The company now serves academic, health care, institutional, corporate, landmark restoration and federal clients throughout New England and New York, as well as having worked on projects in Philadelphia and Puerto Rico. Recent accolades include the historic restoration of the New York State Capitol Building, which completed two years early with a \$2.4-million savings to taxpayers. As vice president, Consigli directs all project management activities. He also spearheaded the development of the company's operations, safety, environmental and training programs, which have earned awards and recognition at local, regional and national levels.

#### **BONITA BOECKMAN COOK**

***Applies background in health care and the military to her design work***

37, Job Captain

**JSA Inc.**

Portsmouth, N.H.



Cook has a personal connection to her work. Born into a family of health care professionals, she didn't pursue a medical career but instead channeled her understanding of healing environments into a career that includes designing medical fa-

cilities. Cook also served five years in the U.S. Army Reserve as a light-wheel vehicle mechanic repairing Humvees and 2-1/2-ton vehicles. When JSA became involved with designing both housing and community centers on military bases, she got involved. Cook was part of the design team that created a net-zero prototype home for military bases across the country. The 537-home project at Midway Park on the Camp Lejeune U.S. Marine Corps base is the largest neighborhood in North Carolina comprised of all LEED-Gold homes as well as the first LEED-Gold Certified neighborhood on a Marine base. She combined a passion for health care and military projects on the Northeast Rehabilitation Hospital at Pease Air National Guard Base in Portsmouth, N.H., an in-patient facility for patients adapting to brain and spinal cord injuries.

#### **SARAH DESIDERIO**

***Proven asset on award-winning work throughout New England***

34, Structural Engineer

**JSN Associates Inc.**

Portsmouth, N.H.



Less than a year into her first engineering position, Desiderio was back in the classroom for three more years, juggling her full-time job with a master's degree program in structural engineering at the University of New Hampshire. Eight years later, she is a proven asset on projects throughout Massachusetts, Maine and New Hampshire—coordinating design, construction administration, requests for information and site visits on multiple projects at any given time. Among her notable projects, Desiderio was the structural engineer for Carter Collections Center at Strawberry Banke Museum in Portsmouth. The project, which earned a Preservation Achievement Award from the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance, includes state-of-the-art building systems and innovative

construction techniques in a building designed to mimic an 18th century house on the museum grounds. Other notable work includes the Peter and Cécile Morgane Science Hall at the University of New England in Biddeford, Maine; River-Woods at Exeter in New Hampshire; and Frisbie Hospital's Rochester Hill Family Practice in Rochester, N.H.

#### **LAURA HANDLER**

***A leader in virtual design and construction by her mid-20s***

28, Director of VDC

**Tocci Building Cos.**

Woburn, Mass.



Laura Handler's influence extends well beyond the walls of Tocci Building Cos. She is one of the founding members of the AGC's BIMForum, the industry's largest technical collaboration consortium focused on building information modeling and virtual design and construction. Through the BIMForum, she is at the forefront of defining new processes, workflows and terminology such as BIM execution planning, model validation, BIM authoring and detailed BIM collaboration protocols between builder, designer and owner. A frequent presenter on VDC and BIM, she planned and hosted a 400-plus attendee BIMForum conference last year, sparking a conversation on "return on innovation investment." Since beginning her career with Tocci six years ago, she has earned considerable project experience as well. Handler was the BIM manager for Autodesk's headquarters project in Waltham, Mass., which was the first project in New England to use an integrated project delivery contract form. The project won 14 awards for process and design. She is also working with Harvard University on its BIM implementation strategy, helping the school develop a long-term BIM road map.