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Young leaders are driven, committed and successful

Get to know this year's 40 Under Forty winners, who exemplify the creativity, resilience and can-do spirit of Hartford's most famous resident, Mark Twain

40 under forty

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Kenneth R. Slater Jr.

Age: 39
Title: Partner
Company: Halloran & Sage LLP
Company location: Hartford
Residence: New Britain



formed to save an historic building in downtown New Britain. I also coach in the Fagan Little League.

Biggest success:
 I am most proud of serving a group of families known as the Bethlehem Christian Fellowship. After their efforts to establish a church was rejected, I led a legal challenge culminating in an order by the Connecticut Appellate Court, requiring the town to issue approvals allowing construction of the church.

Dream job:

Lawyering Mondays and Tuesdays, cooking at an Italian restaurant on Wednesdays and Thursdays, and scouting for the Sox on Fridays.

Businessperson you most admire:

David Crandall, co-president of New Britain's Hospital for Special Care. After growing up in the community and serving as a nurse in local hospitals, he rose through the administrative ranks to co-president. His vision and leadership has led to significant growth in the hospital's reputation and services. I admire his generosity with his time and resources to serve both the hospital and the community. ■

I am a partner in the land use and environmental group with the law firm of Halloran & Sage LLP. My practice is devoted primarily to representing developers, property owners and municipalities in litigation or transactions involving land use development and environmental law.

Early in my career, I gained experience in land use cases and, based on my interest in science, worked on cases involving environmental issues that often included analysis of complex reports by environmental consultants. As a result, I have developed a growing practice involving property and property development across the state.

Community involvement:

I am a member and former president of New Britain's Rebuilding Together program, an organization of hundreds of volunteers who complete home improvements for elderly, disabled and low-income persons. I serve as president-elect of the Rotary Club of New Britain/Berlin and lead the club's monthly soup kitchen luncheon. I serve as board secretary of the Central Connecticut Visiting Nurses Association Inc. and am on the board of Trinity on Main Ltd., an organization

Leila Anne Fecho

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Mansfield Downtown Partnership and its annual Festival On the Green.

Biggest success:

I'm thrilled to be a professional student of the world and the ever-changing market. I have had the opportunity to work with a truly diverse range of clients, municipalities and agencies. I have learned about numerous businesses and industries, and helped to drive the economic development engine of Connecticut to ensure our future success in the regional, national and international markets.

Dream job:

Full-time Mom with some time to counsel individuals and organizations on how to achieve their potential and create the future they dream of.

Businessperson you most admire:

I am continuously amazed by Dr. Stephen R. Covey. This great leader of next-level thinking practices what he preaches. His 2004 release of *The 8th Habit, From Effectiveness to Greatness*, will likely impact our society for another decade or more. Like Covey, I challenge people and organizations to find their voices and inspire others to find theirs. ■

Growing up in a home with two teachers, I never dreamed I'd enjoy teaching. After completing my undergraduate in International Trade and German, working for a German-owned company in the Danbury area for five years, and taking classes towards my MBA part-time, I went back to the University of Connecticut full-time to complete my MBA, concentrating in strategic planning and marketing. Today, I spend a great deal of time with my clients, helping them understand (need I say, teaching them?) how to develop an integrated marketing strategy that will work for their business and their customers.

Community involvement:

I enjoy helping other women entrepreneurs and business owners through the National Association of Women Business Owners, which helps women gain economic, social and political power.

I established and continue to sponsor the American Marketing Association Connecticut Chapter's Student Marketer of the Year Award to help encourage the next generation of marketing professionals.

Closer to home, I volunteer for the

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