

HBJ's 2016 Women Who Mean Business awards

Welcome to HBJ's inaugural Women Who Mean Business awards. Our finalists were selected based on their career achievement, contribution to company success, community involvement and leadership. Winners were named in the for-profit and nonprofit categories.

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Edna Meyer-Nelson, CEO of The Richland Companies, says she's not too important to get her hands dirty.



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From left, Jacklyn Viera Iloff, Cynthia Colbert, Edna Meyer Nelson, Nancy Levicki of... [more](#)

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Meyer-Nelson pays attention to detail and spends time at properties in different cities; she inspects each property, searches for new opportunities and meets with clients, vendors and employees.

In 1993, Meyer-Nelson left the banking industry and partnered with Suzanne Klein to start The Richland Companies. Now the company is one of the largest woman-owned businesses in Houston.

“She’s [Meyer-Nelson] a firm believer that women can be just as successful as men if they are well-informed, determined and don’t back down,” said [Brittany Zucker](#), owner of Martini Marketing + Communication.

Meyer-Nelson shares her many years of experiences with her employees and other young professionals she meets in and outside of her work. She is known to have an open-door policy if anyone needs advice.

She continues to mentor those she meets at speaking engagements, events and classes at Rice University and the University of Houston.

“She feels it is extremely important to take advantage of teachable moments and passes her knowledge on willingly,” Zucker said.

Education: Southern Methodist University, bachelor’s; University of Houston and the University of Colorado, master’s

Affiliations: National Association of Professional Women, American Business Women’s Association, CREW, executive advisory board of the graduate real estate program at the CT Bauer College of Business.

Years in the industry: 23

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