



## Harry Slatkin

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I travel the world in search of inspiration. It is magical to see and visit far-off lands—that jaded I will never be. But every time I find a turquoise embroidered shawl in the hills of Madeira to spark a collection, or magical scent potions at a *pharmacia* in Florence, or preppy colors and patterns in Palm Beach or glass that echoes Prussian palaces in St. Petersburg—it always happens that on my many wondrous walks around New York City, the exact items or inspirations are in our hometown.

When I go to Paris I always take a *bateau mouche*—how magical to motor up and down the Seine around Pont Neuf and then see the Eiffel Tower all lit up. Well, try a Circle Line around the city and see how magical it looks from the water uptown to downtown, west to east—the Empire State building twinkling in the distance—then walk around SoHo and find those special, inspirational finds and then treat yourself to dinner at magical, gourmet restaurants—Italian, French, Indian and, yes, even American fare. I love lunch at Balthazar and maybe dinner at Cipriani—well, that took care of a trip to Paris and Florence. Maybe take in a play, the ballet, opera, one of the many amazing museums that my daughter and I go to every Sunday in the fall. There is so much in New York City, it's a wonder we ever leave it. Maybe it's just to make us appreciate it all the more.

“I knew the city and I were inseparably intertwined when I was standing in front of the pyramids dreaming of bagels and lox, and when a Woody Allen picture felt like a home movie.” —Katharina Otto Bernstein

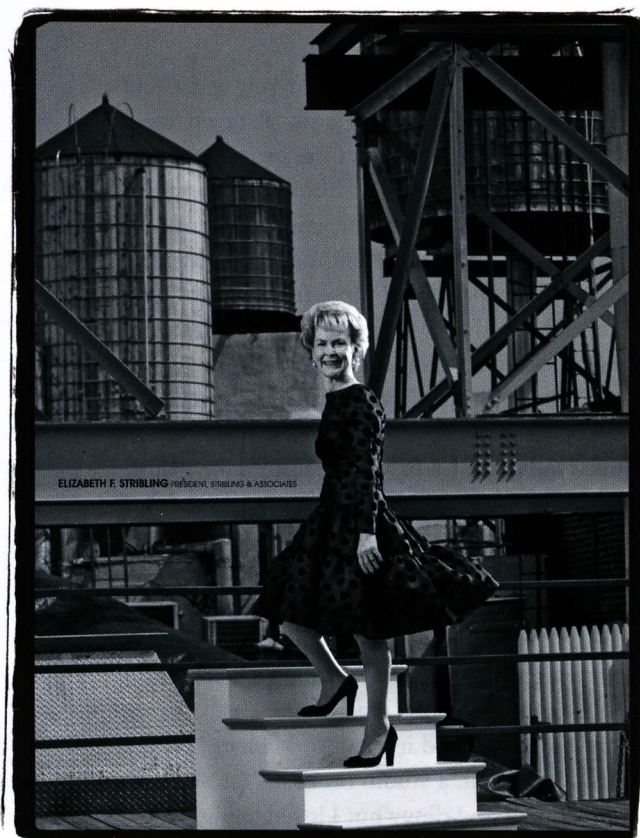
## Elizabeth Stribling

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What I love about New York is the fact that you don't have to do anything. But you know, at any moment of the night or day, that anything is possible.

I moved to New York City from Georgia when I was seven. I vividly remember going to the Horn & Hardardt with my father, where you put a dime or 15 cents in the slot and out would come your order on a conveyor belt. So I put my 15 cents in and out came a piece of delicious apple pie. That made me feel like a real New Yorker.

New York is where you go to make it, just like Frank Sinatra said, and I think Stribling & Associates is a good example of that.



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