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Education

St. John's University
St. John's School of Law
Graduated, 1965
Admitted to the New York State Bar, March, 1966
Also admitted to the United States District Court, Eastern and Southern Districts
of New York and Second Circuit Court of Appeals.

Personal:

Born November 11, 1941
Married on September 15, 1963 to Toni Buonora,
Three grown children, Five grandchildren

Career History

1966-68 Private Practice, New York
 With the Law firm of Michael A. Buonora, Esq.
 Specialized in labor law

1968-69 Assistant District Attorney, Queens County District
 Attorney's Office, Queens, New York¹

1969-80 Assistant District Attorney, Suffolk County District
 Attorney's office, Hauppauge, New York²

- Felony Trial Attorney (1969-74)
- Chief Trial Assistant District Attorney (1974-78)
- Chief of the District Court Bureau (1978-80)

1980-2002 Partner in the law firm of Gallo & Buonora, Esqs.,
 Commack, New York in the diversified practice of law with
 emphasis on criminal and civil trial practice

2002-2010 Chief Assistant District Attorney to Suffolk County District
 Attorney

2005 – Present: Adjunct Professor of Law at Touro Law Center

2011 -Present: Created and Supervises the Criminal Prosecution Clinic at Touro Law School (formerly titled the Advanced Criminal Prosecution Externship)

Memberships Past and Present

- Suffolk County Bar Association, President 2006-2007³
- Also served as a Director and Executive Committee member Of the Association
- Suffolk County Criminal Bar Association, Director, served as President, 2001-02
- New York State Bar Association Member
- New York State District Attorneys Association Member
- St. John's School of Law Alumni Association Member

Awards and Recognitions

- Recipient of the St. John's University School of Law Suffolk County Chapter Distinguished Alumnus Award for 2007;
- Recipient of Director's Award of the Suffolk County Bar Association in 1997 for work as chairman of Alternate Dispute Resolution Task Force;
- Recipient of Suffolk County Bar Association's President's Award in 1998;
- Recipient of Special Presidential Award from the Suffolk County Bar Association in 1999 for work as co-chair of District Court Pro Se Task Force;

Miscellaneous

- Have participated in panels and programs of Touro Law School on Alternate Dispute Resolution and Lawyering and its Discontents;
- Had regularly written a column for the Suffolk Lawyer newspaper published by the Suffolk County Bar Association;
- As Chief Assistant District Attorney, I assisted the District Attorney in supervising and directing the overall operation of the District Attorney's office;
- Member of the Independent Judicial Election Qualification Commission from 2007 to 2010 reviewing the qualifications of candidates for judicial office;
- Has served on the Suffolk County Bar Association's Bench Bar, Professional Ethics and Civility and Nominating Committees.

¹Was immediately assigned to the Homicide Bureau of the Queens County District Attorney's office, tried my first homicide case at the age of 26;

²Among other activities, participated in establishing and lecturing of various training programs for new Assistant District Attorneys;

Was instrumental in helping to establish one of the first community mediation programs in the State which diverted low-level neighborhood disputes from the courts to the mediation process;

During the years as a Suffolk County Assistant District Attorney, tried numerous high-profile murder cases as well as other serious felonies.

³Among the Suffolk County Bar Association committees that I have either chaired or been a member of are:

- Judiciary
- Plaintiffs' Negligence
- Supreme Court
- Grievance Committees
- Tort Review Task Force
- District Court Committee
- Co-chaired a special District Court Commercial small claims sub-committee which assisted the supervising judge in establishing the panel of qualified arbitrators for the commercial small claims arbitration program.