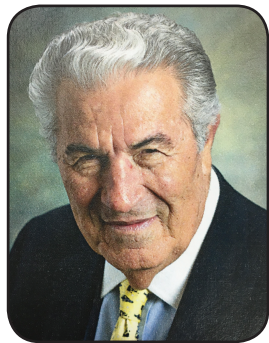


# APRUZZESE, McDERMOTT, MASTRO & MURPHY, PC

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## HONORS THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF VINCENT J. APRUZZESE, ESQ.

Founder of the prominent labor and employment law firm of Apruzzese, McDermott, Mastro & Murphy in 1965, Vin Apruzzese's distinguished legal career included service as President of the New Jersey Bar Association, Chair of the Labor and Employment Law Section, member of the ABA Board of Governors, and Fellow in the College of Labor and Employment Lawyers. He was a principal witness for the United States Chamber of Commerce Labor Committee before committees of Congress and successfully argued three cases before the United States Supreme Court. Vince and Senator Frank X. McDermott began their firm and partnership in Newark in 1965, and later moved and expanded their thriving and influential practice to Springfield, and, ultimately, to Liberty Corner, NJ, representing industries and public entities throughout the State and region.



Vin was instrumental in the vision and construction of the New Jersey Law Center in New Brunswick. In honor of his leadership, the annual state-wide High School Mock Trial Competition was named for him. Throughout his life, Vin also dedicated his efforts to philanthropic organizations, including serving as Vice Chair of the Board of the Barnabas Health System, Chair of the Board of the Paper Mill Playhouse, and board member of the Pingry School in Martinsville.

Born in Newark in 1928, Vince was a graduate of Rutgers University and the University of Pennsylvania Law School, before serving in the Navy's JAG Corp. In 1955, he married the love of his life, Sandy. They were married for 60 years before her death in 2015, and they raised five talented, accomplished, and loving children, who brought them eight grandchildren. He instilled in them the importance of a good education, the imperative of hard work, the need to give back, and above all, the love of family. Vin was never happier than when his family and friends gathered together for fun at the Apruzzese's cherished home in Chatham, Cape Cod.

Generous beyond measure, Vin was always the first to help in a crisis to advise a young person in need of guidance, and step up whenever leadership was needed. He was the consummate role model and stressed to his children the joy of building life-long friendships. He will be sorely missed.

A reception hosted by Vin's children will be held on April 20th from 3-5pm at the New Jersey Law Center in New Brunswick, NJ.



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