

## SALVI EARNS *high praise from* LOCAL LEGAL MAG

Chicago Lawyer Magazine presented its 2023 Person of the Year Award to Patrick A. Salvi II, the Chicago managing partner at the law firm of Salvi, Schostok & Pritchard. The honor is bestowed annually upon a newsmaker, trendsetter or legal leader, according to the publication's managing editor, John McNally.

Salvi's efforts to finalize an overall settlement for the remaining Sterigenics cases and pass meaningful legislation for the plaintiff's bar through the Illinois General Assembly were among the reasons he earned the award, according to McNally.

"Salvi has touched the lives of individuals he's encountered since entering the industry nearly two decades ago — whether it be his clients, colleagues, legislators, or opponents," Chicago Lawyer Magazine reporter Cailey Gleeson wrote. "After securing the October 2022 record-breaking \$363 million jury verdict award for Sue Kamuda against Sterigenics, followed by an overall \$408 million settlement in January as lead counsel for the hundreds of remaining lawsuits against Sterigenics and helping deliver significant legislative changes as ITLA president that allow punitive damages in wrongful death lawsuits, Salvi shows no signs of slowing down."

"This is an incredible honor. I am so very thankful to Chicago Lawyer," Salvi said. "I am also thankful to the team at Salvi, Schostok & Pritchard, and the clients that we have been honored to represent."



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## NATIONAL LEADER *praises JCCIA at* YEAR-END SUMMIT

Basil Russo was the guest of honor when the presidents of the affiliated organizations of the Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans gathered for a year-end summit at the Des Plaines Theatre on Nov. 14.

The meeting was called by JCCIA President Ron Onesti to look back on last year's successes and announce initiatives for 2024.

Russo is the president of the Conference of Presidents of Major Italian American Organizations as well as the Italian Sons and Daughters of America. He came to Chicago to sing the praises of the JCCIA and invite its affiliates to join COPOMIAO.

"The JCCIA sets an example for other organizations across the country to follow when it comes to being united," he told the more than 70 community leaders in attendance. "You demonstrate strong leadership and you show that you're not afraid to stand up and demand the same rights and respect as other groups."

Onesti celebrated a landmark year capped by a remarkably vibrant Italian American Heritage Month and reported progress with the city in negotiations over the Columbus statues. He announced plans to relaunch the JCCIA's video blog, *Il Bollettino*, and post events and scholarships on the organization's website, among other initiatives.

## RAINERI FETES *mounted police at* OCTOBER EVENT

Members of the Chicago Police Department's Mounted Patrol Unit stepped from their saddles and into the spotlight at the inaugural "Back the Blue Italian Style!" fundraiser.

Spearheaded by Enza Raineri, CEO of Enza Raineri & Associates, the event was held on Oct. 26 at the Morgan Arts Complex in the city's Bridgeport neighborhood.

The Mounted Patrol Unit plays an important role in community relations and security, attending special events, conducting daily patrols and serving as ambassadors for the city and its police department, according to Raineri.

Chicago Police Superintendent Larry Snelling attended the event, presenting awards to three Italian-American members of the police department: officers Michael Orlando and Steven Loffredo, and human resources department employee Lisa Gariota.

Held during Italian American Heritage Month, "Back the Blue Italian Style!" featured food vendors such as Al's Beef, Phil Stefani Signature Restaurants, Fabulous Freddie's, Supreme Lobster, Tony's Fresh Market, Old Neighborhood Italian American Club, and Onesti Entertainment.

Event sponsors included Teamsters Joint Council 25, GARC Restaurant Cooperative, EDP, International Union of Elevator Constructors Local 2, Gullo International Development Corp., Sorrentino & Co., Pan American Bank, Smith & Smith Attorneys at Law, Volare Ristorante Italiano and the Italian American Executives of Transportation.

To sponsor next year's event, call Raineri at 773-499-9723.

