

*A Remembrance of*  
JOSEPH J. VITALE '89  
MARC A. TENENBAUM



and the Celebration of the Creation of the  
Joseph J. Vitale '89 Labor Law Fellowship

Tuesday, October 11, 2022

5:30 - 8:15 p.m.  
Fordham Law School  
Costantino Room



FORDHAM UNIVERSITY  
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## **MARC A. TENENBAUM (1962-2020)**

Marc Tenenbaum devoted his professional life to our country's workers.

During his illustrious career, Marc performed legal work for a broad array of labor unions and their affiliated multiemployer benefit Funds around the country. Marc was proud that his great grandfather, who was a union carpenter, had a great grandson who performed important legal work for the New York City District Council of Carpenters.

Marc's devotion to the labor movement was personal as well as professional and he truly lived his life as a man for others. Marc was a beloved figure at Virginia & Ambinder and was known for his generous approach to mentoring junior attorneys and for his loud and infectious laugh.

Marc would have been immensely proud of his affiliation with this fellowship and his family and friends hope that his legacy lives on as others follow in his footsteps as effective advocates for the working men and women of our country.

## **JOSEPH J. VITALE '89 (1963-2020)**

Joe Vitale graduated from Fordham Law in 1989 and went directly to Cohen, Weiss and Simon, where he spent 31 years as a fierce advocate for unions and workers. Joe represented clients in diverse industries, including the building trades, health care, transportation, postal services, and the moving and storage industry. In 2019, he successfully defended Laborers' Local 79's use of Scabby the Rat, and celebrated that victory with a tattoo of Scabby.

Joe's sudden and unexpected death in late 2020 saddened all who knew him. We remember him as a great lawyer, a dear friend, a profoundly decent human being, a man who visibly loved his family, and a master of Dad jokes. Joe, we miss you.

## *Introduction*

**Matthew Diller**

Dean and Paul Fuller Professor of Law, Fordham Law School

## *Remembrance*

**Eushin Vitale**

Daughter of Joseph Vitale

**Tom Suozzi '89**

U.S. Congressman

**Sharon McCarthy '89**

Partner, Kostelanetz & Fink, LLP

**Charles R. Virginia III '89**

Partner, Virginia & Ambinder LLP

**Bruce Levine**

Of Counsel, Cohen Weiss

**Tamir Rosenblum**

General Counsel, Mason Tenders District Council of Greater NY

**Thomas Gesualdi**

President, Teamsters Local 282

## *CLE Program*

**The Rat, The First Amendment, Workers' Speech and the Future**

**Prof. Kate Andrias**, Professor of Law, Columbia

**Prof. James Brudney**, Chair in Labor and Employment Law, Fordham  
University

**Prof. Chaumtoli Huq**, Associate Professor of Law, CUNY

**Hanan B. Kolko**, Partner, Cohen Weiss (*moderator*)

## *Reception*

## ABOUT THE JOSEPH J. VITALE '89 LABOR LAW FELLOWSHIP

The Joseph J. Vitale '89 Labor Law Fellowship was established in 2021 in remembrance of Joe Vitale. The fellowship supports a student that is interested in pursuing an internship related to union work. We are grateful to the friends and family that supported the Fellowship, especially the family of Marc Tenenbaum. The Fellowship will honor Joe and Marc in perpetuity at Fordham Law and ensure that our students can follow in their footsteps.

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