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## President's Message

# Connecting Through NIABA

Dear Colleagues and Friends:

Please enjoy this issue of NIABA News! The year 2022 has been a roaring return to activity for our association.

Board meetings took place in both Phoenix, Arizona and St. Louis, Missouri. Each provided great contact with local Italian heritage lawyers. Italian Heritage associations are now in formation in each of the states!

In April, Past President and Director, Anthony Gianfrancesco, and I were invited to join thirty-eight visiting lawyers, largely from northern Italy, who were in Philadelphia. Anthony presented on our behalf and created great ties and relationships.

During May, as NIABA's representative to the Conference of Presidents of Major Italian American Organizations, I joined a delegation of Italian heritage leaders in Rome. We met with the Secretary of State of the Vatican, President of the Supreme Court of Italy, and Pope Francis. Meetings with government, business and charitable organizations took place. The conference made great strides in building unity with corresponding Italian organizations. Our NIABA presence and influence was most definitely extended.

With all already accomplished, the best is just upon us!

The NIABA Naples 2022 Seminar will take place during the week of September 19, 2022. Forty Italian heritage lawyers from across the United States will attend seminars presented by our Italian peers. NIABA Directors Antoinetta Brancaccio-Balzano, Anthony Gianfrancesco, and Ralph Liguori have led the effort. Our group will approach one hundred attendees at dinners, luncheons, and special events, such as a meeting with the Mayor of Naples during the course of the visit. The President of the Bar of Naples and many lawyers from the ancient city will participate with us.

A delegation of NIABA leaders will attend meetings in Milan in September. We will meet with the Unione CRINT Italiane, the network of Italian bar associations partnering with NIABA. Exchange of webinars, case referrals, visiting delegations, visiting lawyer programs and much more are in development. Our delegation will be received at a meeting of the directors of the Bar of Milan. A seminar will be presented, as well, by an NIABA lawyer on the subject of "Real Property Law" presented in concert with an Italian lawyer joining in the analysis of similarities and differences. NIABA board members resident in Italy, Marco DeFazi, Giampaolo Girardi, and Antonello Pierro, will join us. Avv Francesca Zanasi, a leader of the network, has created an engaging schedule which will move our partnership forward.

The Board will meet in Washington, D.C. on October 27-30, 2022. The School of Law of the Catholic University of America will host our meetings and events. Many NIABA members will attend the 2022 Gala of the National Italian American Foundation that weekend.

Please join NIABA at [niaba.org](http://niaba.org) if you are not yet a member. Please renew and update your information if you are a member. You can email [cindylu616@comcast.net](mailto:cindylu616@comcast.net) and reach our administrator Cindy Martin.

Francis Donnarumma  
President



# Upcoming Events



## Fall 2022 BOARD MEETING: Washington DC

### NIABA Board Heads to Washington, D.C.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors of the National Italian American Bar Association will take place October 27-30, 2022, in Washington, D.C. All NIABA members are welcome to attend!

Please make your travel and flight reservations as soon as possible. The air transportation system is under some stress in this country and early reservation of flight is recommended.

During our meetings, we will be joined by Attorney Doug Lanzo, an attorney of obvious Italian heritage. He enjoys fantastic and emerging success in literature. A sterling example of Italian heritage lawyers doing very special things, Attorney Lanzo will share with us his professional work as counsel in the corporate world and his passions in literature.

Our DC weekend meeting will coincide with the annual gala and gathering of the National Italian American Foundation (NIAF). These two national organizations, our NIABA and NIAF, will have some exciting news at the board meeting!

Hotel reservations are recommended at the Omni Shoreham Hotel.

Look forward to details and agenda which will be distributed soon!



## NIABA CLE Program Naples Italy September 19 - 24, 2022



# 2022 Naples Italy

## Colleagues in Italy and the United States

Upon execution of the memorandum of cooperation with the National Italian American Bar Association and the Unione CRINT Italiane, executed in Chicago and in Italy simultaneously in October 2021, the first in person events are occurring soon in Italy.

### Milan:

On September 15, 2022, a delegation of NIABA members and leadership will attend events in the beautiful city of Milan, Italy. A meeting and seminar will be held among CRINT and NIABA members at the Cociancich Law Firm in Via Cappuccio n. 7-Seminar Subject will be “Real Estate in U.S. and Italy”. Following the historic meeting among members and leadership, there will be a formal meeting with the Bar of Milan and its president at the Milan Bar Association room in Via Carlo Fregugelia n.1. In the evening there will be a gathering hosted by Avv. Francesca Zanasi in a private residence.

On Saturday, September 16, the visiting NIABA delegation will be treated to a tour of historically significant sites in Milan.

The opportunity of Italian and United States Italian heritage lawyers to meet, together, is a wonderful start to what will be a long and enduring relationship.

### Naples:

The bi-annual seminar in Italy of NIABA will take place in Naples, the ancient city, on September 19 and the days following. On three successive days, seminars will be presented by expert Italian lawyers on a variety of subjects. Presenting will be the following:

1. Antoinetta Brancaccio-Balzano
2. Vincenzo Senatore
3. Stefano De Concolis
4. Armando Perna
5. Giancarlo Madonna
6. Gabriele Esposito

NIABA deeply appreciates their contribution to our professional development. NIABA, particularly, thanks its director and speaker, Antoinetta Brancaccio-Balzano. Attorney Brancaccio-Balzano practices both in the State of Florida and in Italy. She organized this wonderful seminar.

During the seminar period in Naples, the attendees and their friends and guests will visit the Duomo and the surrounding area to experience the heralded St. Gennaro event on September 19. A visit is being arranged with the Mayor of the City of Naples. On September 21, our American visitors will meet with President Antonio Tafuri and other leadership of the Bar Association of Naples.

The attendees will visit Capri to conclude this memorable week.

**The National Italian American Bar Association is committed to work and exchange with our colleagues and peers not only in Italy but also with the Australian Italian Bar Association. NIABA is developing joint events, webinars, live seminars, exchange of visiting lawyers, law student opportunities, and the birth of many professional and personal relationships among us all.**



## CHICAGO

In October 2021, the Board of Directors and guests of the National Italian American Bar Association met in Chicago, Illinois. The meetings were held at the offices of Holland & Knight, thanks to the generosity of board member Kenneth Jenero. The weekend in Chicago was highlighted by joining the Justinian Society in Chicago in celebration of its 100th Anniversary. The Justinian Society arose from the needs of young and emerging Italian heritage lawyers, 100 years ago, in one of America's great cities. The association has proudly represented lawyers of Italian heritage right through to the present moment at the Centennial of a great organization.

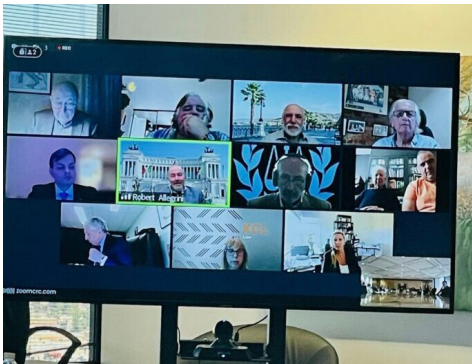
During the weekend, those assembled in Chicago were joined, virtually, with bar leaders from Rome, Naples, Milan and across Italy in formalizing the relationship of NIABA and the Unione CRINT Italiana, a network of Italian bar associations.



## PHOENIX

The Board of Directors of the National Italian American Bar Association held its second ever meeting in Arizona. We were generously hosted by the firm of Snell & Wilmer, a powerhouse law firm in the western United States. Partner, Benjamin Nucci, assisted in the process. While in Phoenix, we celebrated the formal memorandum of agreement with our colleagues at the Australian Italian Bar Association, virtually. Honorary Consul of Italy, Roberta Gentili Purcell, an attorney, greeted the NIABA members warmly. Francesco Guzzo, executive director of the Italian Association of Arizona coordinated dinner with a large number of Italian heritage activists.

Attorney Marco Costa, admitted to practice in Arizona, participated in the meetings. He will attend the meeting among NIABA leaders in Milan in September, 2022 and the Unione CRINT Italiana.





## ST. LOUIS

St. Louis was the destination of the spring Board meeting of the National Italian American Bar Association in May, 2022. The board was hosted by Attorney Vincent J. Garozzo, a partner of Greensfelder, a firm which was founded in St. Louis in 1895 and has celebrated more than 125 years of history. In St. Louis, our members were warmly greeted by NIABA friends, Bruno and Vivian Mazzatti. There was a great turnout of local attorneys and judges and there is great expectation that a new Italian heritage association will arise, there, in the near future.



## NEW YORK CITY

NIABA Chairwoman of the Board, Cristina Carabetta, led the National Italian American Bar Association in New York City at the Columbus Citizens Foundation for the bi-annual meeting of the Conference of the Presidents of Major Italian American organizations. NIABA friend and supporter, Basil Russo, President of the Conference, welcomed our Chairwoman and President Francis Donnarumma among leaders of Italian heritage groups in the United States.

The attendees were welcomed for a luncheon with the Consul General of Italy in New York, Honorable Fabrizio DiMichele. Engagement and interchange among Italian and American associations, businesses, and cultural activists took place. Our chairwoman is a member of the Columbus Citizens Foundation who, along with several peers, made the event and evening dinner at the Foundation most memorable.





## ROME

The Conference of Presidents of Major Italian American organizations sent a delegation of leaders to Rome in May, 2022. NIABA President, Francis M. Donnarumma, attended and was joined by NIABA board members Marco DeFazi and Giampaolo Girardi.

Among meetings with government leaders, diplomats, and private sector officers, the delegation enjoyed a private meeting with The Secretary of State of the Vatican, Cardinal Pietro Parloin. As the government leader of the Vatican, the Secretario was insightful and welcoming. The delegation had an opportunity to join Pope Francis, personally, as well.

The delegation was warmly greeted by Honorable Luigi Marini, Secretary General of the Supreme Court Cassation of Italy. In the ceremonial courtroom, the delegation enjoyed a frank and revealing conversation with Justice Marini. Thereafter, the delegation met with President Antonino Galletti of the Ordine Avvocati Di Roma. The association has about 27,000 members. Thanks to our colleagues, Avvocati Di-Fazio and Girardi, for their critical efforts in arranging the events.



## PHILADELPHIA

In April, 2022, Board member and Past President Anthony Gianfrancesco of Rhode Island represented our association at a visit of 38 lawyers from Italy in Philadelphia. The visiting attorneys were engaged in a tour of New York, Philadelphia, and Washington D.C. involving close interaction with American lawyers.

The visitors were led by Avv. Stefano Maffei (Ph.D. Oxford) Università di Parma. Professor Maffei has led groups to the United States for decades. Attorney Gianfrancesco developed contacts with federal and state judges, Philadelphia law enforcement, and a multitude of attorneys from Italy. He was accompanied by NIABA president, Francis Donnarumma.





# Notes from the NIABA Office

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## Find Us on Social Media

NIABA is on Facebook at [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com). Join us to share news, referrals, and discussions with other NIABA members all over the world.

We're also on YouTube at <http://bit.ly/2pubGxM>, where you can watch videos from our Rome CLE program.

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## Reaching Out to Law Students

NIABA membership is free for law students and first-year attorneys. If you know of groups or events that we should reach out to, please contact NIABA at [cindylu616@comcast.net](mailto:cindylu616@comcast.net) and we will provide brochures or other information to the organization you recommend.

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## Writers Needed

The newsletter needs you! We're looking for articles that focus on the "overlap" of Italian culture or history and the law. If you have an experience or area of expertise that you'd like to share with out NIABA membership, contact Cindy Martin at [niabagroup@gmail.com](mailto:niabagroup@gmail.com).

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## Can We Refer You?

Is your profile up-to-date on the NIABA [website](http://www.niaba.org)? If not, you may be missing valuable referrals! Members of the public use the Lawyer Search function, and sometimes contact us directly, looking for an attorney. The more information in your profile, the more likely they will choose you. Don't miss valuable opportunities. Login and update your profile now.

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## Member Logo Available

It's easy to show your NIABA affiliation on your firm's website or marketing materials. Contact the NIABA office at [niabagroup@gmail.com](mailto:niabagroup@gmail.com) and we will send you a file that is suitable for online or print use.



## NIABA Brochures

An electronic version (PDF) of the NIABA membership brochure is available on our [website](http://www.niaba.org). We encourage you to share the brochure with anyone who might be interested in joining NIABA. For hard copies to distribute to your colleagues or group, please contact the NIABA [office](http://www.niaba.org).

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**Our 2019 Scholarship recipient, Francesca Simone wrote a legal research article on Italian American Congressman Peter Rodino and how his Italian heritage influenced his legislation, particularly immigration reform and Columbus Day. Most of the research is from the Peter Rodino archives at Seton Hall Law; no one has ever written a paper using them before Francesca. See the full article on our website at [niaba.org/scholarship](http://niaba.org/scholarship)**

## Romanucci & Blandin NIABA Executive VP ~

### Frank Sommario

Romanucci & Blandin Senior Partner Frank A. Sommario and Partner Bruno R. Marasso present \$20,000 from the Justinian's 20th annual Children's Endowment Fund:

The Justinian Society of Lawyers held its 20th annual Children's Endowment Fund (CEF) Grant Reception on March 17, 2022. Justinian 1st Vice President Bruno R. Marasso and Justinian Society's Endowment Fund Chairman Frank A. Sommario presented a \$10,000 grant to the Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital in Chicago and a \$10,000 grant to CASA Kane County.

The mission of the CEF is to assist disabled or disadvantaged children in our community. Since establishing the CEF in 2002 during his term as president, Antonio M. Romanucci, Founding Partner of Romanucci & Blandin, LLC, and his fellow Justinian members have raised crucial funds for a wide range of recipients, including Make-A-Wish Foundation, Bear Necessities, Ronald McDonald House of Chicagoland, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, the Reflections Foundation, Shriners Hospitals for Children, Child's Voice, Maryville Academy Children's Healthcare Center, and many others.

<https://www.rblaw.net/press-release-romanucci-blandin-senior-partner-frank-a-sommario-and-partner>

## Romanucci & Blandin Partner Bruno R. Marasso Named President of Justinians:

Romanucci & Blandin is proud to share that Partner Bruno R. Marasso has been named the new President of the Justinian Society of Lawyers. We look forward to celebrating his new role at an Installation and Awards Dinner this September at the Palmer House Hilton in Chicago.

# Legendary Illinois Attorney Richard Caifano Shares a History

## The Caifano/Grilli Family

My name is Richard Caifano and I believe family is sacred, and it is important to preserve the accomplishments of our forebears, especially those who had the courage to leave their home in Italy and establish new beginnings in countries like America, Canada, and Australia. To that purpose, some years ago I established a Family Tree site in honor of my Ancestors to preserve our family history. My father Rocco Salvatore Caifano, was the youngest of three sons born to Domenico and Antonia Maria Caifano (Laviola). My paternal grandparents immigrated to America in 1909 from the Commune of Pisticci, Province of Matera in the Region of Basilicata, Italy. It is noteworthy that my paternal grandfather had visions of establishing a new home in America at a relatively young age. In 1906, when he was 18 years old, he traveled alone to New York City to check determine if living conditions there would fit in with his plans to wed my Grandmother Antonia Marie Laviola and raise a family in America. His return to New York City in 1909 with his new wife who was pregnant with their first son Leonard, who was born in New York City on July 24 of that year provided evidence of his conviction. The Caifano family settled in the tenements that housed many of their paesani until late in the year 1913, when my grandmother found it necessary to return to Pisticci to attend to her ailing father. She traveled with her two American born sons only to realize during the course of her passage that she was again pregnant with my father Rocco who was born in Pisticci on July 1, 1914. Due to the outbreak of World War I, making conventional travel by sea impossible, their stay in Italy was extended until they found passage back to my grandfather in 1919. In 1924 they left New York to settle in Chicago where my grandfather found work as a mason and established his lifetime family home in the Little Italy neighborhood of the city.

My mother was born Celestina Marie Grilli, the youngest daughter of Ceriaco and Palmina Grilli who immigrated to America in 1905 from the Commune di Senigalia in the Province of Ancona, Region of Le Marche, Italy. The Grilli family arrived in America as an indentured family because my grandfather was unable to pay the cost of passage of his wife and four children to America. The entire Grilli family was required to work in a shale coal mining area of Arkansas for two years to satisfy the indentured servitude. The family consisted of Ceriaco and his wife Palmina and their four children, Emilio, Arduina, Enrico and Amalia. Upon their arrival in America, they were transported by train to a shale mining camp in Arkansas where they lived with several other indentured families what was described by my aunt as a large Quonset hut structure. My aunt related to hardship of those two years that included sleeping unprotected, with little or no privacy from other families. The men worked long hours mining coal while the woman prepared food for the families and washed their clothing in two large open wood fired vats. Aunt Arduina sadly recalled the death of a child who ventured too close to one of the vats and was scalded by boiling water. When released from servitude, my grandparents traveled to Milwaukee to be with paesani and extended family who had settled in the Italian community of Bay View in Milwaukee. Some of the Grilli family settled in Bay View while other members of the family chose their new home in a neighborhood location of the west side of Chicago. In both locations, to grow the Grilli Family. I know there are other stories of the immigrant experience among our members and we encourage you to share them with us. The stories are further evidence not only of the hardships overcome but of the connections that remain so much a part of our lives. A history to be shared for generations to come.

-Richard Caifano



# Short History of NIABA

The concept of an Italian American Bar Association on a national level saw its origins in Los Angeles and Chicago at the urging of two prominent Italo-American jurists, Mario Clinco (Los Angeles) and Gerald Sbarbaro (Chicago), who had each served terms as president of the National American Society of Jurists.

In 1982, Richard Caccioppo of Los Angeles began making contact across the nation with the leaders of State and Regional Italian American Law Society of Jurists.

Among the societies that expressed an interest in organizing a National Italian American legal society were:

- The Italian American Lawyers of Los Angeles
- The Justinian Society of Lawyers of Chicago
- The Justinian Law Society of Massachusetts
- The Justinian Society of Philadelphia
- The Columbian Lawyers Association of New York, and
- The Italian American Lawyers Association of Michigan

An organizational meeting was held in April 1983, at Tiro a Signo, a private club located in the Greenwich Village section of New York City. Among those present at the inaugural meeting and instrumental in the formation of the National Italian American Bar Association were:

- Joseph Albanese, New York
- Richard Caccioppo, California
- Richard Caifano, Illinois
- Judy Cannavo, California
- Hon. Joseph Giamboi, New York
- Vince Damien, Florida
- Paul Vitrano, Michigan

What became evident at the inaugural meeting was the instant camaraderie shared by all in attendance, the pride in heritage, and the need to discuss, debate, and to enjoy good food and wine together before coming to the ultimate (and obvious) resolution of the foundation of the National Italian American Bar Association.

Without the hard work and dedication of those responsible for arranging and participating in the first meeting, the NIABA may well have drifted into the sea of good intentions.

More than 39 years later, the Association continues to thrive and grow in numbers and influence. Thanks in large measure to a group of dedicated Italian-American legal professionals with an expanding number of interests and accomplished brothers and sisters who continue to debate long and hard and enjoy good food and wine in order to assure the continuing presence and influence of the Italian-American legal community.

NIABA was formed as National Justinian Society of Italian American Lawyers by filing of Articles of Formation on April 20, 1983 in the State of California, signed by Richard Caccioppo and Judge Mario Clinco.

The Articles of Incorporation were amended to change the name to National Italian-American Bar Association by an amendment filed December 31, 1986, signed by Richard Caccioppo and Judith M. Cannavo.

In August 1989, the IRS recognized NIABA as tax-exempt organization under IRC Section 501(c)(3).

The first president elected was Richard K. Caccioppo who served from 1983-1987. He had been a lawyer in New Jersey who later moved to California.

The second President was Hon. Joseph N. Giamboi from Bronx, NY. He served from 1987-1989. He enlisted help from Richard Caifano from Chicago and Ronald A. Cimino from Washington DC.

## Short History of NIABA cont.

In the period of 1986 -2002, NIABA formed local organizations into Chapters, and each Chapter paid the dues of \$25 per member. Also in 1986, NIABA and NIAF jointly sponsored a reception in Washington DC to honor the then Judge Scalia of the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals for Washington DC. Shortly thereafter, President Regan announced his selection of Judge Scalia as nominee for the US Supreme Court.

Alfred A. Affinito from San Francisco CA was the third president, serving 1990-1991. He was instrumental in expanding the San Francisco Chapter and created new Chapters in New Orleans and New Jersey.

Michael C. Rainone of Philadelphia was the fourth president from 1991-1993. He introduced Professor Paul Malloy from Syracuse University School of Law, who became the academic administrator of the NIABA Law Digest which was published for 25 years. There was a loyal support for the Digest. The founders were Hon. Anthony J. Cutrona, Hon Joseph N. Giamboi, and Michael Raimone. It was mailed to various law schools and to each member. Later, it was prepared in digital form and sent by e-mail to each member. Mr. Raimone sponsored a NIABA admission to the US Supreme Court and meeting with Justice Scalia. After his retirement, Mr. Raimone became a lecturer at various public and private schools, upholding the integrity and courage of Christopher Columbus and his contributions to the New World.

The fifth president was Salvatore J. Tornatore from Illinois. He carried the ball with board meetings in Las Vegas, Washington DC, Boston, and Orlando. He was instrumental in founding the Rhode Island chapter on April 28, 1994 with a big push by Phil Boncore.

Hon. Anthony J. Cutrona became the sixth President from 1995-1997. His achievements were establishment of a printed directory of members in 1995 and also a directory for the five Columbian Lawyers Associations for First Judicial Dept., Westchester, Brooklyn, Queens, and Staten Island.

The seventh president was Hon. Bruno Tassone from Chicago from 1997-1999. He helped establish the "membership benefits program" and fortified the scholarship program.

Liliana A. Ciccodicola from Michigan was the eighth president serving 1999-2001. She helped NIABA become an international organization and developed the website for NIABA. On her first day as president, she announced the places and dates of board meetings for the two years of her presidency.

Raymond A. Pacia was the ninth president, serving from 2001-2003. He was active in establishing law school groups to become student members of NIABA in Miami and Fort Lauderdale and distinguished himself as author and lecturer on Roman law contributions to the common law. He presented the lecture as one-hour CLE programs at board meetings in Montreal, Providence, and Las Vegas. He helped establish the Connecticut Italian American Bar Association. During his presidency, he used direct mail membership campaigns from the state directories of lawyers in Vermont, West Virginia, and Idaho. NIABA membership reached 4,800.

The tenth president was Cirino A. Bruno from NYC, serving 2003-2005. He had extensive contacts within the Italian American Community and was able to stage events at the New York Athletic Club, Tiro A Signo restaurant, and Citizens Columbus Club. He expanded membership in NYC and promoted the Judicial Appointments Committee of NIABA.

Dominic W. Frinzi from Milwaukee became the eleventh president, serving 2005-2007. He was a kind man who knew the world and its workings. He had been the Commissioner of Horse Racing for the State of Wisconsin and candidate for election for Governor of State of Wisconsin. He partnered an event in Washington DC with NIAF at which each Justice Scalia and Justice Alito presented one-hour lectures.

Philip R. Boncore became the twelfth President, serving 2007-2009. Being from East Boston, he was active in adding members from the local Justinian Society to become NIABA Members. He was past president of the Order of Sons of Italy and attracted new Members to NIABA.

Anthony Gianfrancesco from Providence Rhode Island became the next President, serving 2009-2011. He pushed the board and regional vice presidents to assist with the expansion of members. He used state directories of lawyers, identified potential Italian names, and undertook personal correspondence to add members.



## Short History of NIABA cont.

The fourteenth President was Frank J. Schiro from Milwaukee. He was an assistant prosecutor and an aggressive litigator. During his term from 2011-2013, he helped expand membership and introduced a functioning business administrator to NIABA to manage the dues and correspondence of NIABA and create and distribute periodical newsletters to all members.

Dino Mazzone from Montreal, Canada, became the next president from 2013-2015. He focused on expansion of membership and helped NIABA expand interaction with the Association of Lawyers of Italian Heritage in Canada.

The sixteenth President was Joseph Sena Jr. from White Plains, NY, serving 2015-2017. He is a great orator for NIABA and spoke generously at various meetings of local NIABA Chapters in the USA. He approved the first NIABA CLE program in Rome, Italy held in September 2015.

Paul Finizio was elected President in 2017. For many years he served as President of Il Circolo of Palm Beach and Board of NIABA. He expanded NIABA membership, particularly in Florida and Rome, Italy. He approved the second NIABA CLE program in Rome, Italy held in October 2017.

Francis Donnarumma of Connecticut was selected the 18th president in June 2019. He weathered the COVID restrictions on personal gatherings and kept the association active through webinars, Zoom meetings and constant contact. He was the first president of NIABA to be selected for a second term which extends through May 2023. During his tenure, NIABA has entered into an Agreement of Cooperation with the Australian Italian Bar Association and the Unione CRINT Italiane, a network of the many bar associations of Italy. These international relationships provide an opportunity for exchange with Italian and Italian heritage lawyers are just coming to reality. He led the 2019 seminar in Rome and is leading the 2022 seminar in Naples. This year, NIABA leaders will meet with their peers of the Unione CRINT Italiane in Milan.

Although not serving as president, Richard Caifano from Chicago was editor of the NIABA Newsletter for many years and served as historian. Frank Bruno was the "go to" lawyer in New Orleans and served as vice president for Southern Region. Joseph Albanese from New York was helpful in expansion with contacts to within the Little Italy community. Anthony Errico from New York was a "no-nonsense" lawyer who helped other lawyers make a decision to join NIABA.

There were Honorary Lifetime Members of NIABA over the years and they include:

Antonin Scalia, U.S. Supreme Court Justice,  
Cardinal Bevilacqua, Diocese of Philadelphia,  
Alphonse M. D' Amato, U.S. Senator,  
Dennis DeConcini, U.S. Senator, State of Arizona,  
Peter V. Domemici, U.S. Senator, State of New Mexico,  
Patrick J. Leahy, U.S. Senator, State of Vermont.





# National Italian American Bar Association - Application for Membership

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