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Steven J. Porzio is a partner in the Labor & Employment Law Department and a member of the Labor-Management Relations Group. Steve assists both unionized and union-free clients with a full range of labor and employee relations matters. He represents employers in contract negotiations, arbitrations, and representation and unfair labor practice cases before the National Labor Relations Board.

Steve has experience conducting vulnerability assessments and providing management training in union and litigation avoidance, leave management, wage and hour, and hiring and firing practices. He provides strategic and legal advice in certification and decertification elections, union organizing drives, corporate campaigns, picketing and union contract campaigns. Steve has represented employers in a number of different industries, including higher education, health care, construction and manufacturing in successful efforts against unions in election and corporate campaigns.

In addition to his traditional labor law work, Steve assists companies with handbook and personnel policy drafting and review, daily management of employee disciplines and terminations, and general advice and counsel on compliance with federal and state employment laws.

Steve's litigation experience includes work on matters before state and federal courts, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the Connecticut

Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities, the New York State Division of Human Rights and various other administrative agencies. He has litigated matters involving age, race, national origin, gender and disability discrimination, wage and hour, whistleblower and wrongful termination claims.

While attending the Syracuse University College of Law, Steve served as the editor-in-chief of the *Syracuse Science and Technology Law Reporter*. He also received the Robert F. Koretz scholarship, awarded in recognition of excellence in the study of labor law.

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#### Practices

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Labor-Management Relations, Higher Education and Title IX

#### Industries

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Health Care

#### Education

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Syracuse University College of Law, J.D.

*cum laude*

Marist College, B.A.

*cum laude*

Justinian Honor Society

Pi Sigma Alpha National Honor Society

#### Admissions & Qualifications

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New York

Connecticut

#### Court Admissions

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U.S. District Court, Connecticut

U.S. District Court, New York, Eastern District

U.S. District Court, New York, Southern District

#### Memberships

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American Bar Association (Labor and Employment Law Section)

New York State Bar Association (Labor and Employment Law Section)

#### Awards & Recognition

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The Legal 500 United States: Rising Star 2020

The Legal 500 United States: Next Generation Lawyer 2019, 2021-2022

The Legal 500 United States: Labor & Employment: Labor Management Relations  
2019-2022