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Profile

Terry's practice includes collective bargaining, arbitration, employment discrimination and litigation, wage-hour matters, ERISA and OSHA.

He has represented some of the largest municipalities in the State of New York, e.g., Nassau and Westchester Counties, and the cities of Yonkers, Mount Vernon and Buffalo. Terry has represented over 20 school districts, including Yonkers, and regularly handles "high profile" disciplinary proceedings, including an Education Law §3020-a case with the highest fine (\$100,000) in the history of the State. He also has represented private sector clients in negotiations and litigation throughout the United States and has extensive experience in the printing, record, service and restaurant industries. He currently is labor counsel to Pace University.

Terry was one of eight editors of the first text on Public Sector Labor Law published by the New York State Bar Association. He also co-authored with E. J. McMahon from the prestigious Empire Center for New York State Policy - a project of the Manhattan Institute for Policy Research - an in-depth analysis of 40 years of the Taylor Law and its effects in New York State. The publication is entitled, *Taylor Made: The Cost and Consequences of New York's Public Sector Labor Law*. Terry is a frequent speaker and has authored numerous articles published in law reviews and labor law journals. He is on leave as an adjunct professor at St. John's University School of Law where he has taught public sector labor law for many years.

Honors & Affiliations

- Listed in:
 - *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Employment Law - Management; Labor Law - Management; Litigation - Labor and Employment, 2006-2025 (listed for 20 years)
 - Lawyer of the Year (Long Island), Employment Law - Management, 2017, 2020, 2025
 - Lawyer of the Year (Long Island), Labor Law - Management, 2018, 2024
 - Lawyer of the Year (Long Island), Litigation - Labor and Employment, , 2022
 - *New York Super Lawyers*, Employment & Labor (listed for more than 15 years)
 - *Who's Who in Labor Law*

Education

- St. John's University School of Law (J.D. 1970)
- St. John's University (B.A., *cum laude*, 1967)

Bar/Court Admissions

- New York
- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York

Practices

- School Law
- Municipalities
- Higher Education
- Labor and Employment

- *Martindale-Hubbell*®, AV Preeminent Rated
- New York State Bar Association, Executive Board, Labor and Employment Law Section
- St. Thomas More Scholar (Full Law School Tuition Scholarship)

Representative Presentations

- Public Sector Interest Arbitration: An Overview of the New Amendments to the Taylor Law, Thoughts on their Impact and Other Possible Improvements, Labor and Employment Relations Association - NYC Chapter
- Judicial Review of PERB (Public Employment Relations Board) and Public Sector Arbitration Decisions, NYSBA Labor & Employment Law Section Fall Meeting, Niagara Falls, Canada

Representative Publications

- Co-Author, "To Bargain, Or Not To Bargain? That Is the Question," *Talk of the Towns and Topics*, Nov/Dec 2022
- Quoted in "Long Beach, Garden City reduce number of paid firefighters," *Long Island Business Journal*, June 5, 2016

Other Activities

- Past President, NY State Public Employer Labor Relations Association