



In Memoriam: Salvatore M. DeBunda

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It is with deep sadness that we share the news of the passing of our colleague and friend, Salvatore M. DeBunda, on July 9, 2026. Sal retired after a distinguished legal career spanning more than 50 years, during which he was a trusted and respected advisor to clients and a dedicated corporate attorney. He joined Archer & Greiner's Philadelphia office in connection with the firm's merger with Pelino & Lentz in 2009, initially serving as Co-Managing Partner while continuing his practice with the firm until his retirement.

Sal also devoted decades of service to Pennsylvania's thoroughbred racing industry. As counsel to the Pennsylvania Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association, he played a leading role in drafting key provisions of Pennsylvania's landmark gaming legislation, signed into law in 2004, and continued to advise the Association on a wide range of legal and regulatory matters. He later served as President of the Pennsylvania Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association at Parx Racing and as a member of the Board of Directors of the National Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association. In 1992, he founded the television program *Let's Go Racing!*, serving for more than three decades as its Executive Producer and helping bring the sport of thoroughbred racing to audiences throughout the Delaware Valley.

Beyond his legal practice, Sal was deeply engaged in civic and cultural organizations, including serving on the Board of Directors of the Philly Pops, where he also held the role of Chairman.

Sal was born and raised in South Philadelphia and attended St. Joseph's Preparatory School. He earned his Bachelor of Science in Economics from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania and his law degree from the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

Sal will be remembered as an exceptional attorney, a thoughtful counselor, and a generous colleague whose wisdom, professionalism, dedication, and good humor left a lasting impact on our clients, our firm, and the many organizations he served. It was a privilege to know and work alongside him, and he will be greatly missed by everyone at Archer.