



James V. Bertolone
President, Rochester Labor Council (AFL-CIO)

Mr. James V. Bertolone is the current President of the Rochester & Genesee Valley Area Labor Federation, AFL-CIO, a position he has held since 2000. He represents 300 local Unions in 11 counties, consisting of 75,000 Union Members. Mr. Bertolone has been the President of the Rochester & Vicinity Labor Council, AFL-CIO since 1998, representing 60,000 Union Members and 100 Unions in Monroe County, New York. He has been a member of the Executive Council, New York State AFL-CIO since 2008. Additionally, Mr. Bertolone has been the President of the American Postal Workers Union Local 215 (APWU Local 215) since 1990. Mr. Bertolone has been negotiating labor contracts since 1978 and was the Vice President of APWU Local 21 from 1983-1990. From 1978-1983, he was the Clerk Craft Director of APWU Local 215. Mr. Bertolone was a Union Steward of the APWU Local 215 from 1974-1978. He was employed by the U.S. Postal Service from 1973 and retired in 2006.

Mr. Bertolone received his undergraduate degree in History from Brockport State University in 1972. He is also a graduate of the Cornell Labor Studies Program. Mr. Bertolone held his first Union job in a supermarket beginning 1967. The Union was Retail Clerks International, which later merged with United Food a Commercial Workers Union, AFL-CIO (UFCW). He has been a National Arbitration Advocate for the APWU, AFL-CIO since 1987. He is a current Board Member of the United Way of Greater Rochester and served on the board of Lifespan from 2000 to 2004. Mr. Bertolone has written a monthly labor column in the Rochester Business Journal since January 1998. He is the Chairman of the Rochester & Genesee Valley AFL-CIO Workforce Development Center, Inc. and has sat on the Board of Directors for the New York State Workforce Development Institute, AFL-CIO since 2003. Mr. Bertolone was born August 22, 1951. He is a card carrying member of the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists (CBTU), Clergy & Laity United for Economic Justice (CLUE), National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), the American Civil Liberties Union (ALCU), and Amnesty International.