

Nicholas J. Pirro

Nicholas J. Pirro began his four decades of continuous government service in 1965 when he was appointed to the Board of Supervisors, now the Onondaga County Legislature.

He served as Health Committee Chairman, Minority Leader, and Chairman of the County Legislature. He began his first term as Onondaga County's second County Executive on January 1, 1988 for his first four year term, and was re-elected to four additional four year terms. He retired as County Executive in December 2007 having provided the community with more than 20 years of steady leadership, strong fiscal management and a unique dedication to his constituents, community organizations and issues.

Pirro was born May 29, 1940 in Syracuse where he attended Our Lady of Pompeii School, Christian Brothers Academy and graduated with a bachelor's degree in Business Management from LeMoyne College. From 1959 to 1965 he was a member of the 174th Tactical Fighter Wing, New York National Guard and served this nation proudly in Phalsbourg, France during the Berlin Crisis.

Pirro's decades of public service comprise a long list of major accomplishments both as Legislator and County Executive. Pirro worked closely while on the County Legislature with John Mulroy in the establishment of the Onondaga Community College campus, and as County Executive, Pirro was extremely supportive of many new initiatives in response to rapid growth at the College.

Pirro also provided leadership of the nationally accredited 911 Emergency Communications System, the initiation of county-wide recycling program, the Onondaga County Public Library system and main branch at the Downtown Galleries, the Rosamond Gifford Zoo at Burnet Park, the Center for Forensic Sciences and the County's Veterans Cemetery. Pirro was also the chief sponsor of the County Convention Center, which most deservedly named in his honor in December 2008. He has been the steward of the county's public works project, the cleanup of Onondaga Lake and improvements to the Metropolitan Sewage Treatment Plant.

Pirro has been strong advocate for the disabled, children, public health and the arts. He and his wife, Patti, were awarded and coveted Catholic Charities Lifetime Achievement Award for their active participation and commitment to community. Pirro was recipient of the 2006 Distinguished Citizen Award by the Hiawatha Seaway Council of the Boy Scouts of America at the annual BoyPower Dinner and was named a Post-Standard Achievement Award recipient in April 2008.

Pirro served as a member of Governor Patterson's Commission on Property Tax Relief. He is the Honorary Chair of the 50th Anniversary Committee for Onondaga Community College. Pirro is also the Honorary Chair with his wife Patti for the Syracuse Symphony 50th Anniversary celebration. Pirro is currently a board member and treasurer of the Central New York SPCA.

Pirro is currently President of NP Associates LLC, a consulting firm, and a business advisor for the Law Firm of Gilberti, Stinziano, Heintz & Smith, P.C. Pirro is an adjunct faculty member of the Maxwell School of Public Administration at Syracuse University.

Pirro and his wife Patti have two children, Jessica and Nicholas III and daughter-in-law Doreen.