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Paul S. Speranza Jr., the CEO of Paul Speranza Advisors, retired in 2016 as the vice chairman, general counsel, and secretary of Wegmans Food Markets, Inc. A longtime member of The Business Council of New York State's Board of Directors (upon which he serves as vice chair and treasurer), and its Executive Committee, he also served as U.S. Chamber chairman, vice chairman, regional vice chairman (eastern region), chairman of the Taxation Committee for nine years, and chairman of the Employee Benefits Committee for seven years.



Speranza, a social advocate, believes passionately in freedom, democracy, free enterprise, opportunity, and hope for all. As an attorney, he believes that the rule of law is the cornerstone of society. He recognizes that quality education can vastly improve people's lives, as was the case for both him and his family, and believes that all children, especially the economically disadvantaged, should have access to quality education and quality health care.

Speranza is the 2009 winner of the Corning Award for Excellence, which is given each year by Corning Inc. and The Business Council of New York State, Inc. to a New Yorker who has demonstrated an outstanding level of accomplishment and a deep and sustaining commitment to the people of New York State. This award has been won in the past by members of Congress, governors, New York State elected legislative leaders, and civic leaders.

Speranza is past chairman of several boards, including Lifetime Health, Inc., a \$6 billion per year Blue Cross Blue Shield Company based in upstate New York, where he worked on governance, education, and health care issues for economically disadvantaged youth. He is also past chairman of Our Lady of Mercy High School, where he instituted a scholarship program for economically disadvantaged students. He won the Veritas Award, which is the highest honor that the school gives to a layman.

He is a member of the California, New York, Pennsylvania, Tax Court, Second Circuit Court of Appeals, and Supreme Court of the United States bars. He is a graduate of Eastridge High School (1965), Syracuse University (B.S., 1969), the University of San Francisco (J.D., 1971), and New York University (LL.M. in Taxation, 1972), which is consistently ranked as the number one graduate tax program in the United States.