



Del Vitale

Del Vitale is the USW's Director of District 4, representing Steelworkers across Connecticut, Delaware, Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont and Puerto Rico. United Steelworkers (USW) also represents workers in a diverse range of industries in Canada, the Caribbean and the United States. Del Vitale has held this position since 2019 and previously served as Assistant to the District Director for four years. Previously Del was the District 4 Sub-Director of the Edison, N.J., office.

Del is the nephew of a union paper worker and has been a proud union member his entire working life, since being hired at the age of 18 as a slitter operator at Oneida Packaging, later Pacquet-Oneida, in Clifton, N.J. There, Vitale joined the United Paperworkers International Union (UPIU), which later became part of the USW.

From the beginning, Del Vitale took on a leadership role in his union, becoming a member of the Local 318 bargaining committee at the age of 20. He was elected chief steward of his unit in 1980 and later served on the local's executive board, as a trustee and as the local's recording secretary.

In 1995, Vitale joined the staff of the UPIU. Since then, he has worked with USW members to bargain contracts across a wide range of industries, including paper, pharmaceuticals, health care, manufacturing, printing, chemicals, aluminum, non-profits and the public sector.

In 1999, Vitale became a PACE staff member when the UPIU merged with the Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers International Union (OCAW) to form the new union. Six years later, PACE merged with the United Steelworkers of America (USWA) to form the USW.

District 4 is headquartered in Buffalo, New York.