

## **ALFONSE M. D'AMATO**

Alfonse M. D'Amato served in the US Senate from 1981 to 1999, and most recently was the founder and Managing Partner of Park Strategies, LLC.

Alfonse M. D'Amato was first elected to the United States Senate on November 4, 1980. Known for his tenacity and ability to get results, D'Amato served three distinguished terms in the Senate advocating on behalf of the interests and the people of New York State.

During his tenure in the US Senate, D'Amato served as Chairman of the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs, overseeing legislation affecting America's financial institutions, banking, public and private housing, urban development and foreign trade promotion. Senator D'Amato also served on the powerful Senate Finance Committee and the Senate Appropriations Committee, where he worked to establish the Department of Defense's peer reviewed breast cancer research program. Working with breast cancer survivors from across the state, the Senator appropriated \$250m for critical research programs. That landmark legislation continues to this day, and makes a tremendous contribution to the fight to cure cancer.

As Chairman of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (The Helsinki Commission) Senator D'Amato authored the Libya Sanctions Act to combat efforts by renegade nations to finance international terrorism through oil field development. And as a member of the Senate's Caucus on International Narcotics Control, Al D'Amato was a leader in the fight against illegal drugs.

Senator D'Amato's transition to the private sector has made him one of the most sought after public policy and business development strategists in the country. His absolute determination, expert negotiation skills, and extensive political and legislative experience are unparalleled. As a founding partner of Park Strategies LLC, D'Amato provides strategic advice and counsel to a variety of corporate clients throughout the United States and the world. Park Strategies, founded in 1998, is headquartered in New York City.

D'Amato is a vital force in New York politics, and helping on the campaigns of his former colleagues in the United State Senate. D'Amato's political prowess is second to none. In 1995, he was selected by his colleagues to Chair the National Republican Senatorial Committee – the only national republican committee to gain seats that election cycle. D'Amato's political skills, particularly in New York State, have helped elect hundreds of local, state and federal candidates to office.

D'Amato served as Special Master in the Holocaust settlement case with the German and Austrian banks having been appointed by the United States District Court of the Southern District of New York. As Chairman of the Banking Committee, Senator D'Amato led the historic effort to restore assets to Holocaust survivors and their heirs, ultimately forcing the Swiss Banks to pay over \$1 billion in restitution to survivors.

Senator D'Amato resides in his hometown of Island Park, New York He is the proud father of six children and grandfather to grandchildren and great grandchildren.