

# New York power attorney Joe Tacopina named a knight in Italy

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New York power attorney and Venezia FC soccer team owner **Joe Tacopina** may have to be called “Sir Joe” in court these days.

Tacopina was named a knight in Italy — or Cavaliere di San Marco — at a ceremony in the church of San Francesco della Vigna in Venice. The Knights of San Marco were originally dubbed for their notable military merits in the old Republic of Venice, but the ancient honor now recognizes “a small number of people who have distinguished themselves in good works, and who have worked hard in various ways to safeguard the city of Venice.”

Tacopina was also honored by the mayor of Venice, Luigi Brugnaro.