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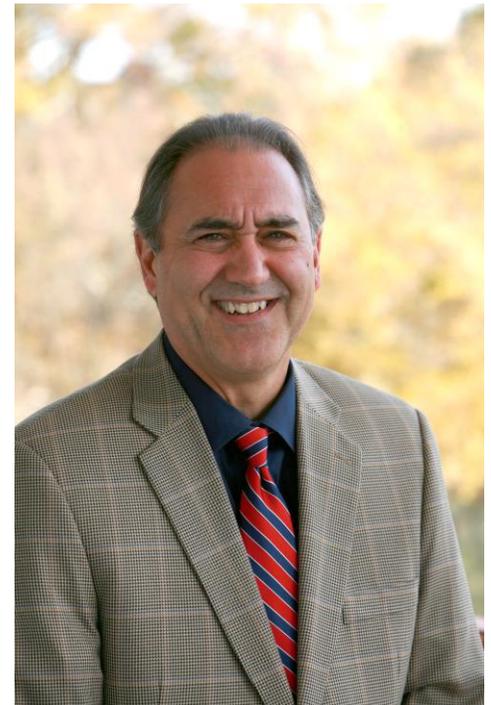
## **USTA Georgia Past President Dom Masciantonio to receive Ruth Ryner Lay Award for Lifetime Achievement**

**MARIETTA, GA** – USTA Georgia today has announced that Georgia tennis icon **Dom Masciantonio** of Kennesaw is the 2021 recipient of the prestigious Ruth Ryner Lay Award for Lifetime Achievement. The Ruth Ryner Lay Award is the highest honor bestowed by the Association and is given in recognition of continuous and distinguished service in an unselfish, dedicated manner over the span of a lifetime.

An individual who epitomizes the spirit of volunteerism, Dom has served USTA Georgia in a multitude of ways, culminating as its 19<sup>th</sup> President from 2015-2016. Prior to that, he was the Association's Treasurer and Executive Vice President amongst other positions. Dom's stewardship and expertise has been a main factor in the financial stability of the Association over the past years.

Dom's motto of "Think, Play, Serve" continues to this present day, as he is the current President of the Georgia Professional Tennis Association. He was the driving force behind the creation of a Georgia tennis specialty license plate, set to launch in January 2022.

A fine player in his own right, he has held Georgia #1 rankings in multiple age divisions. He is also a member of the Edinboro University Athletics Hall of Fame (class of 2001).



"I am truly honored and humbled in receiving the Ruth Ryner Lay award", Dom reflected. "Ruth's tennis teaching, coaching and competitive play legendary status did not pertain only to tennis in Georgia but Ruth was also a nationally recognized coach and administrator who mentored some of the top women's players in the U.S. in world class competition. Her volunteer service to the game of tennis and promoting women's tennis is difficult to equal. I would like to thank USTA-Georgia for selecting me to receive this prestigious award."

Dom (along with other USTA Georgia annual awards winners) will be recognized at the USTA Georgia Community Tennis Development Workshop the evening of Saturday February 12<sup>th</sup> at the JW Marriott Buckhead.