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**Practice Areas**

- White Collar Criminal Defense & Internal Corporate Investigations
- Professional Liability
- Complex Commercial Litigation
- Products Liability

In The News

- Nick Centrella Addresses In-House Counsel on What to do When a Subpoena Arrives
- Conrad O'Brien Defeats Malpractice Claim Against Duane Morris
- Nick Centrella Named as Firm's New Managing Shareholder
- Centrella Addresses Lawyers on Avoiding Professional Liability

Education

- University of Pennsylvania (J.D., *cum laude*, 1992)
- Georgetown University (B.S., *magna cum laude*, 1988)

Biography

Nicholas Centrella is one of Philadelphia's leading trial lawyers and the managing shareholder of the Firm. Nick's white collar criminal defense practice includes the defense of corporations and individuals in federal grand jury investigations and criminal proceedings. His civil practice focuses on the representation of Amlaw 100 and small to mid sized law firms in legal malpractice and other civil actions, and the defense of major corporations in complex commercial, regulatory, civil RICO, and products liability disputes.

Representative Matters

- Represents numerous companies and professionals in grand jury investigations.
- Represented witnesses in political corruption investigations and prosecutions.
- Represented broker in both criminal and S.E.C. proceedings alleging securities fraud.
- Represented pharmacist in criminal prosecution of internet pharmacies.
- Represented manufacturer in multiple suits against accountant, bank, and individuals to recover embezzled funds.
- Represented former officer of Fortune 500 Company in False Claims Act case prosecuted by U.S. Attorney's office and whistleblowers.
- Obtained jury defense verdict in legal malpractice action on behalf of a Philadelphia-based international law firm.
- Represented other prominent Philadelphia law firms in complex legal malpractice suits.
- Represented numerous officers, directors and outside professionals of insurance companies in liability suits brought by the Pennsylvania Insurance Department.
- Represented employee of pharmaceutical company regarding "off label" marketing of drugs.
- Represented parties in numerous RICO actions.

Nick is a past President of the Philadelphia Association of Defense Counsel. He currently serves as a member of the Hearing Committee of the Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania and on the Federal Criminal Law Committee for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. Several years ago, he was recognized as one of the "50 on the Fast Track" by the *Philadelphia Legal Intelligencer* and *Pennsylvania Law Weekly*.

Bar and Court Admissions

- Pennsylvania
- New Jersey
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court, New Jersey
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit

Honors and Memberships

- Listed in *Best Lawyers in America* for Legal Malpractice Law (2010, 2011)
- Listed as a “Future Star” in *Benchmark Litigation, Guide to America’s Leading Litigation Attorneys*
- Recognized as “50 on the Fast Track” by *Philadelphia Legal Intelligencer* and *Pennsylvania Law Weekly*
- Hearing Committee, Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania
- Federal Criminal Law Committee for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania
- Criminal Justice Act Panel for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania (2001-04)
- The Justinian Society
- Philadelphia Bar Association
- Philadelphia Association of Defense Counsel (former president, 2005-06)
- American Bar Association-Criminal Justice Section and Standing Committee on Lawyers Professional Liability
- Philadelphia Bar Association – Mid-Size Law Firm Management Committee