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**Practice Areas**

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

**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. His 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. Nick's white collar criminal defense practice includes the defense of corporations and individuals in federal grand jury investigations and criminal proceedings. Nick has a tremendous record of receiving defense verdicts on behalf of doctors and leading hospitals, including the nation's foremost pediatric hospital, and major law firms.

**Representative Matters**

- 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 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.
- Represented numerous officers, directors and outside professionals of insurance companies in liability suits brought by the Pennsylvania Insurance Department.
- Represented pharmacist in criminal prosecution of internet pharmacies.
- Represents broker in both criminal and S.E.C. proceedings alleging securities fraud.
- Represented employee of pharmaceutical company regarding "off label" marketing of drugs.
- Represented witnesses in political corruption investigations and prosecutions.
- 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**

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- 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**

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- 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