

JOHN (JACK) SCAROLA

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

May 1978 to present:

Searcy Denney Scarola Barnhart & Shipley, P.A., General Litigation
Member, Board of Directors
Corporate Officer, Secretary/Treasurer
Board Certified Civil Trial Attorney
Four appointments as Special Counsel to the Florida Judicial
Qualifications Commission (investigation and prosecution of ethical violations by members
of the judiciary)

May 1973 to May 1978:

Assistant State Attorney, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit, Palm Beach County, Florida; Chief
Felony Prosecutor

BAR ADMISSIONS

Florida Bar 1973 (50 year member)
11th Circuit Court of Appeals on 10/1/81
U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida; 9/23/74 General Bar
12/8/82 Trial Bar
U. S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida 2002
U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida 2018
U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado 2021

MARTINDALE-HUBBELL RATING:

AV

SIGNIFICANT CASES:

State v. Herman: (first degree murder conviction in State's first gavel-to-gavel televised trial)
Farish v. MacArthur: (verdict \$2.5 million)
Scheller v. American Medical International: (verdict: \$7.25 million)
Giersbrook v. Mathis: (verdict: \$2.3 million)
Cohen v. National Ben Franklin Life: (verdict: \$1.3 million)
Wilmington Trust v. Manufacturers Life: (verdict: \$1 million)
Tuccicaselli v. Stowers: (verdict: \$1.8 million)
Singleton v. Al Packer, Inc.: (settlement: \$2.5 million)
Farish v. Bankers Multiple Line Insurance Company: (verdict: \$15.9 million)

Wallace & Falcon v. Gooding: (settlement: \$1 million)
Pretschler v. Siegel: (settlement: \$2.5 million)
Ruff v. Steak & Ale, etc.: (settlement: \$10 million)
Intermark v. CIGNA/Dental Health (settlement: \$1 million)
Scheller v. American Medical International: (verdict: \$19.2 million)
Scheer v. Entel: (verdict: \$1.9 million)
Ferguson v. North American Van Lines: (verdict: \$15 million)
Jane Doe v. XYZ, Inc.: (confidential settlement of wrongful death claims in excess of \$20 million)
Talbot v. Williams: (\$62 million judgment)
Eastern Cement v. Halliburton: (verdict: \$4.1 million)
Robinson v. Caulkins: (settlement after Plaintiff's verdict \$13.5 million)
Leardi v. Manatee Memorial Hospital: (\$6 million settlement)
Hungerford v. Palm Beach County: (settlement: \$4 million)
Walks v. Gulf & Warriar: (settlement: \$1.5 million)
Jane Doe v. XYZ, Inc.: (confidential settlement in excess of \$3 million)
Jones v. XYZ, Inc.: (confidential settlement in excess of \$17 million)
Moss vs. Mayer: (confidential settlement in excess of \$1 million)
Menendez v. Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office: settlement after trial (\$2.5 million)
Calves vs. Lennar: (in excess of \$3 million)
Coleman (Parent) Holdings, Inc. v. Arthur Andersen: (\$70 million settlement)
Coleman (Parent) Holdings, Inc. v. Morgan Stanley & Co., Inc.: (Verdict: \$1.454 Billion)
ABC, Inc. v. XYZ, Inc., (confidential settlement in excess of \$10 mil. Following plaintiff's verdict on liability)
Beers v. Hulick and Reynolds & Reynolds, (Verdict: \$21,600,000)
Doctor v. Lawyer, (\$4million settlement)
Vasa v. Applied Digital Solutions, Inc. (\$3 million settlement)
White Water v. Ethicon (Verdict in excess of \$1.9 million)
Waterbury v. State Farm (Verdict \$1.8 million)
Keil v. Keller (Verdict \$3.2 million)
W v. ABC Medical Center (Confidential settlement in excess of \$1 million)
Schein v. Ernst & Young, LLP (Judgment after trial and appeal in excess of \$33 million)
Uddin v. Patel, et al (Settlement in excess of \$900,000)
Mignogna (Pre-suit settlement \$8,400,000)
Piendle v. R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. and Philip Morris USA, Inc. (Verdict: \$2,470,000 plus attorneys' fees)
Commercial Consultants, LLC v. BBA U.S. Holdings, Inc., et al. (Verdict: \$2.175 million plus interest and fees)
Murphy v. Morton (Verdict: \$1,365,632.07 plus interest)
"Jones v. LLCs" (Confidential settlement \$2.5 million)
Weir v. Barot (Verdict: \$2,000,000 plus fees)
AB, Inc. v. Lawyers (Settlement after trial of approximately \$20 mil.)
Insureds v. Insurer (Settlement after trial in excess of \$25 mil.)
Simms v. Kraft (Verdict: \$7 mil. plus)

Jane Doe v. XYZ Healthcare Providers (Confidential Settlement approx. \$1 mil.)
Sammarco v. R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. and Philip Morris USA, Inc. (Verdict: \$1,125,000)
Crossley v. Bethesda (Verdict: \$16,000,000)
Stephens v. PBSO (Verdict: \$23,000,000)
Gould/Goldman v. Check Cashing USA, Inc. (combined total judgments \$1,799,115.17)
ABC, LTD v. Bank (Confidential Settlement in excess of \$2.3 million)
Passenger v. Boat Owner (Confidential Settlement in excess of \$15 million)
Passenger v. Owner's Agent (Confidential Arbitration Award in Excess of \$60 million)
In re: Champlain Towers South Collapse Litigation

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

International Academy of Trial Lawyers (IATL)
International Society of Barristers (ISOB)
The American Trial Lawyers Association 2007 Top 100 Trial Lawyers for the State of Florida
IATL Admissions Committee
Florida Justice Association, f/k/a Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers
American Association for Justice, f/k/a American Trial Lawyers Association
American Bar Association
Florida Bar Association (Standing Committee on Individual Rights & Responsibilities)
 Vice Chairman 1986-1987
 Chairman 1987-1988
Florida Bar Civil Rules of Procedure Committee (Vice Chairman)
Florida Rural Legal Services, Inc. Board of Directors (appointed by the Board of Governors, Florida Bar)
Florida Equal Justice Center (Board of Directors)
Palm Beach County Bar Association (various committee memberships and chairmanships)
Palm Beach County Justice Association (founding member and past President)
Bioethics Law Project Advisory Committee
Palm Beach County Homeless Advisory Board
Craig S. Barnard American Inns of Court
The National Trial Lawyers (Membership by invitation and limited to 100 Florida lawyers)
The American Society of Legal Advocates
Fellow of the American Bar Foundation
Best Lawyers 2019 Lawyer of the Year in the practice area of Medical Practice Law/Plaintiffs in West Palm Beach, FL
Fourth DCA Historical Society
Lawdragon 500 Leading Plaintiff Consumer Lawyer

PROFESSIONAL HONORS

Florida Bar President's Pro Bono Service Award
Guild of Catholic Lawyers Attorney of the Year

Florida House of Representatives Commendation for Public Service
Palm Beach County Bar Association Community Service Award
2006 Daily Business Review Top Civil Litigator of the Year
2018 Recipient of the Florida Justice Association's Lifetime Achievement Award
2019 Fellow of the Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers
2024 Top 50 Lawyers in America

SELECTED FOR INCLUSION IN:

International Who's Who of Professionals
The Best Lawyers in America in the specialties of commercial, mass tort, medical malpractice, personal injury, and 'bet-the-company' litigation
Florida Consumer Guidebook Law and Leading Attorneys
Marquis Who's Who in American Law, Who's Who in America, Who's Who in the World
Top 250 South Florida Attorneys
Top 500 Lawyers in the U.S.
Florida Super Lawyers
Litigation Counsel of America
Super Lawyers-Corporate Counsel Edition
National Trial Lawyers Top 100
2023 Lawyers of Distinction

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

State of Florida Police Standards Council, Certified Lecturer, 1974-1978
Part-time Instructor, Palm Beach Junior College, 1974-1978
Assistant Special Prosecutor to Second Statewide Grand Jury by appointment of Governor Askew, 1977-1978
Fifteenth Judicial Circuit Grievance Committee, Florida Bar, 1981-1984
Palm Beach County Task Force on Sex Crimes, 1975-1978

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

The Lord's Place, Inc., Board of Directors/Chairman
Advocate Marriage Tribunal, Archdiocese of Miami and Palm Beach
Candidate for the Democratic Nomination for the Office of Florida State Senate, 1978
Growing Together, Inc. (substance abuse treatment program) Board of Directors
Guild of Catholic Lawyers (Board of Directors)
Snug Harbor Foundation - Board of Directors

EDUCATION

B.A. 1969 Georgetown University
J.D. 1973 Georgetown University Law Center

PERSONAL

Marital Status: Married
Children: 5
Grandchildren: 20