# 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:**

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

Wallace & Falcon v. Gooding: (settlement: \$1 million) Pretscher 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 & Warrier: (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)

<u>Jane Doe v. XYZ Healthcare Providers</u> (Confidential Settlement approx. \$1 mil.) <u>Sammarco v. R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. and Philip Morris USA, Inc</u>. (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) Total Recovery In re: Champlain Towers South Collapse Litigation (\$1.02 Billion) Total Recovery from Jeffrey Epstein and Estate (\$5,625,000) Total Recovery from Jeffrey Epstein Bank Litigation (\$10,050.00)

## 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 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 Malpractice 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 2024 Global Law Experts Annual Award: Mass Tort Litigation Lawyer of the Year in Florida - 2024 2024 Global Law Experts Annual Award: Personal Injury Litigation Lawyer of the Year in Florida - 2024 2024 Global Law Experts Annual Award: Mastria Injury Litigation Lawyer of the Year in Florida - 2024

## **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 2024 Lawdragon 500 Leading Plaintiff Consumers Lawyers Guide

#### **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 UniversityJ.D. 1973 Georgetown University Law Center

# **PERSONAL**

Marital Status:MarriedChildren:5Grandchildren:20Great Grandchildren1