



## John (Jack) Scarola

JOHN (JACK) SCAROLA graduated with honors from Georgetown University in 1969 and from Georgetown Law Center in 1973. Before joining the firm in 1978, he was Chief Felony Prosecutor in the Palm Beach County State Attorney's office, where he was lead counsel in the trials of more than fifty major criminal cases, including the nation's first gavel-to-gavel televised murder trial.

Mr. Scarola is a Board Certified Civil Trial Lawyer. While he devotes a substantial portion of his practice to personal injury, wrongful death, and medical negligence cases, he has developed a special interest in representing individuals and small businesses damaged by abuses of corporate power.

Mr. Scarola is the former President of the Palm Beach County Trial Lawyers Association and has played an active leadership role in both county and statewide professional associations. He is a recipient of the Florida Bar President's Pro Bono Service Award and the Legal Aid Society's Community Service Award honoring his involvement in giving free legal help to individuals and community groups.

Mr. Scarola is a Director of the prestigious International Academy of Trial Lawyers whose invitation only membership is limited to 500 Attorneys. He has been repeatedly listed in Best Lawyers in America in 5 separate practice areas, is a 2019 Best Lawyers' Lawyer of the Year, and is the 2018 recipient of The Florida Justice Association Lifetime Achievement Award.

## CURRICULUM VITAE

### 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  
Board Certified Commercial and Business Litigation  
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

11th Circuit Court of Appeals on 1981

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida;

1974 General Bar; 1982 Trial Bar

U. S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida 2002

U. S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida 2018

### 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)

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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 & Warrior:

(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,

(\$4 million settlement)

Patient v. Healthcare Providers

(confidential settlement in excess of \$6 mil.)

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)

Jones v. Smith

(confidential high 7 figure settlement)

Aana B. v. Trucking Co.

(confidential settlement in excess of \$2 mil.)

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)

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## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

The American Trial Lawyers Association Top 100 Trial Lawyers for the State of Florida  
International Academy of Trial Lawyers  
Florida Justice Association  
American Association for Justice  
American Bar Association  
Florida Bar Association  
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  
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

## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

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

## 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

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

The Lord's Place, Inc., Board of Directors/Chairman  
Advocate Marriage Tribunal, Archdiocese of Miami and Palm Beach  
Guild of Catholic Lawyers - Board of Directors  
Legal Counsel to the Guatemala Mayan Center

## EDUCATION

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

## PERSONAL

Marital Status: Married  
Children: 5  
Grandchildren: 17