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NANCY O'MARA EZOLD

For over 30 years, Nancy O'Mara Ezold has been a pioneer in the fight for employee rights. With a background in civil and criminal litigation, Ms. Ezold personally took to trial the first lawsuit ever brought against a law firm for sex discrimination in the denial of partnership. In the formative years of employment discrimination law, she testified before a Congressional Committee on the legislation which resulted in The Civil Rights Act of 1991. Recognized nationally for her work, Ms. Ezold has been featured on television and in numerous articles and has spoken throughout the country on employee rights and employment discrimination. Ms. Ezold is the founding partner of the Ezold Law Firm, P.C.



Ms. Ezold works to protect employees from employment discrimination based on age, sex, race, religion, disability, pregnancy, national origin, ethnic background and LGBTQ status. She represents clients in litigating and negotiating employment contracts, discrimination claims, settlement agreements, non-compete agreements, Fair Labor Standards Act and Family Medical Leave Act matters, partnership and equity rights issues and many others.

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JERRY AUGUST

Jerry August is the Chair, Federal Tax Practice, of the Philadelphia offices of Chamberlain Hrdlicka and a Shareholder in the Firm. Mr. August is a nationally recognized tax lawyer who advises clients on income tax matters, including foreign taxation of U.S. businesses and U.S. taxation of foreign businesses and investors. In many instances he works with corporate and real estate counsel on selecting the proper entity in which to engage in domestic or foreign business or investment operations. He has been involved in structuring as well as negotiating merger and acquisitions, both taxable and non-taxable, joint ventures, financings, workouts and recapitalizations. He also represents clients in tax controversy and litigation in challenging the positions maintained by the Internal Revenue Service and other taxing authorities. He has also worked with the National Office of the Internal Revenue Service in filing private letter rulings or pursuing the competent authority provisions of a particular bilateral tax treaty involving the United States and a foreign country.

His work includes representation of public and private U.S. business entities, including private equity and hedge funds, as well as foreign public and private business entities, funds and individuals. Mr. August is frequently retained by law and accounting firms in advising their clients on tax and related matters as well as in working on tax disclosures required for SEC filings, IPOs and in evaluating issues related to contingent tax liabilities. He also represents high net worth individuals, including non-residents, on both U.S. and foreign income and wealth tax matters, including estate planning.

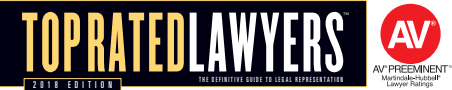
Prior to joining Chamberlain Hrdlicka, Mr. August was a partner at Kostelanetz & Fink, New York, NY and spent 10 years as partner and co-chair of the Taxation and Wealth Planning Department of Fox Rothschild LLP and worked out of its Philadelphia and West Palm Beach Office. He also was the Chair of the Tax Opinions Committee. Prior to merging with Fox Rothschild LLP, Mr. August was the majority shareholder in the tax law firm of August, Kulunas, Dawson & Siegel, P.A., in West Palm Beach, Florida, which he started in 1988 after serving as Co-Chair of the Tax Department of the Miami-based firm of Steel Hector & Davis.



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DIANNE M. NAST

Dianne Nast, founder of Philadelphia law firm NastLaw, LLC, has extensive and diverse experience in pharmaceutical litigation and antitrust litigation, and much of her professional career has been dominated by this type of litigation. With over 35 years in this field, she is consistently recognized by her clients and peers as one of the best lawyers in the country.

Ms. Nast serves as Lead and Liaison Counsel in the Generic Drug Price Fixing cases, one of the largest MDLs in the country. Ms. Nast has received a Distinguished Leader Award from The Legal Intelligencer and was a recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award from The Legal Intelligencer.

Outside of the courtroom, Ms. Nast has a passion for helping her community. She was a co-founder and member of the Board of Directors for the Center for Research on Women and Newborn Health and served as President of the Foundation’s Board for ten years.



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For 40 years Sidney L. Gold has been a champion of the American workforce, a voice standing strong against racial discrimination and sexual harassment, and a powerful advocate for LGBT rights. He also advocates for workers with disabilities as well as older workers subjected to discrimination because of their age. Mr. Gold, principle shareholder of the Pennsylvania and New Jersey employment law firm of Sidney L. Gold & Associates, P.C., has always been a positive force standing up for equality and civil rights in the workplace.

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Carol Shelly opened her own practice, Shelly Law Offices, LLC in April 2012. Previously, she was a shareholder in the law firm, Mellon Webster & Shelly. Her practice concentrates in plaintiff personal injury litigation, having tried numerous professional negligence cases to verdict. She has secured verdicts and settlements in the millions of dollars for her clients during her 30 plus years in practice. She has briefed and argued cases in the Commonwealth Court, Superior Court and the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. She has served as the Chair of the Civil Litigation Section for the Bucks County Bar Association. Ms. Shelly was the second woman to be elected President of the Bucks County Bar Association and the first woman to be elected President of the Charitable Foundation. Ms. Shelly has been named a Super Lawyer, carries an AV Martindale-Hubbell rating, named to the Bar Register of Preeminent Women Lawyers and is BBB accredited with the Better Business Bureau. Ms. Shelly lectures for the Pennsylvania Bar Institute and the Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association.



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Mary Jo is a 32-year veteran of the legal profession who practices in the areas of Estates and Trusts, Orphans' Court Litigation, Taxation, Business Planning, Real Estate and Elder Law.

Today's demographics have transformed traditional Estate and Business Planning into Life Planning, a development of which Mary Jo is keenly aware. Her approach to projects, plans and litigation emphasizes strategic, flexible, practical, and creative representation.

Rated AV Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell since 1997, she has been a partner in the law firm of Williams Coulson in Pittsburgh since 1995.

Her clients include individuals, executors, trustees, beneficiaries, partnerships, LLCs, corporations and nonprofit entities. Mary Jo strives to provide excellent and affordable representation and to accommodate the needs, budget and schedule of her clients. This is especially important in Orphans' Court, where the duration of litigation is often uncertain.

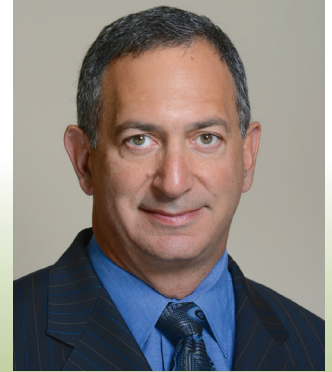
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