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Over more than 40 years, Clifford B. Cohn has litigated a variety of complex and high-stakes civil, criminal and estate litigation matters, with a focus on representing lawyers and clients in disciplinary proceedings, partnership dissolutions, fee disputes, and legal malpractice actions. Mr. Cohn has an impressive track record on both sides, having successfully represented attorneys in disciplinary proceedings, defended lawyers in professional negligence actions and recovered millions of dollars for former clients in lawsuits against their prior attorneys. He has handled hundreds of trials, testified as an expert witness, and lectured and written about professional liability issues, risk management for professionals, and litigation techniques and practice. Mr. Cohn is licensed to practice law in Pennsylvania and various Federal Courts including the Supreme Court of the United States. He has been recognized as a Super Lawyer, listed as the top one percent of attorneys in the United States by the National Association of Distinguished Counsel, 10/10 by AVO, Top 100 Trial Lawyers by the National Trial Lawyers and for more than 25 years has been 5/5 AV Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell.



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George Bochetto is a founding partner of Bochetto and Lentz, as well as a nationally acclaimed trial lawyer and litigator who has been recognized in countless cases for his unrelenting and persuasive litigation and trial techniques. George has been cited for “Raising the Bar” by the National Law Journal, and has been written about and featured in dozens of trade journals and legal publications throughout the United States. Not only is George a well known trial lawyer with multi-million dollar awards against national and multi-national corporations, George is also a very accomplished appellate advocate, having appeared before the highest appellate courts in the country, including the U.S. Supreme Court and the Pennsylvania Supreme Court on cutting edge, often controversial legal issues involving free speech, the separation of church and state, campaign finance reform, and legal ethics.

George is an accomplished author and lecturer, offering numerous legal seminars and speaking at various law schools, including frequent engagements as an expert commentator and consultant in areas of wrongful use litigation, ethics, and trial strategies. George is often hired by other attorneys or judges to represent them personally, and he is frequently engaged by parties as an expert witness in wrongful use or legal malpractice matters. George was recently the lead author of a popular legal treatise, *Wrongful Use of Civil Proceedings and Related Torts in Pennsylvania*, published by The Legal Intelligencer currently in its 2d edition.



GEORGE BOCHETTO

As a founding partner of Bochetto & Lentz, Gavin’s practice focuses on complex commercial business litigation, partnership disputes, law firm breakups, intellectual property disputes, trademark and copyright infringement claims, white collar criminal defense, professional negligence claims, and medical malpractice.

Clients credit Gavin with having a strong focus on understanding what constitutes a “win” for his clients and then relentlessly pursuing that end goal with the most straightforward and efficient path possible.

His background and case history are incredibly diverse, and Gavin is skilled at bringing what would seem like disparate mix of experiences together to creatively problem solve for his clients.

He has served as Judge Pro Tem in the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas, is a former Assistant District Attorney prosecuting felony cases and complex criminal schemes, is a current member of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey Bar Associations, and has been admitted to multiple Courts in the United States to handle complex cases including the District Courts in Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Wisconsin, Missouri, Tennessee, and North Carolina, the Federal Circuit Court, and the United States Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit.



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Attorney Cardamone is the Founder and President of Cardamone Law and is a Certified Pennsylvania Workers’ Compensation Specialist with over 24 years of experience and success representing injured workers across Pennsylvania. He has been named to the Best Attorneys of America List by Rue Ratings, America’s Top 100 Attorneys, Top 25 in Pennsylvania by The National Trial Lawyers, has a 10 out of 10 rating on Avvo, and is a Super Lawyer in Pennsylvania Workers’ Compensation Law. In 2023, Michael was voted AV Preeminent by his peers through the rigorous Martindale- Hubbell process- the highest possible rating for ethics and professionalism. Michael graduated from St. Joe’s Prep in Philadelphia in 1992, then attended Boston College and graduated with honors in 1996, then going on to earn his Juris Doctor from the Villanova University School of Law in 1999. He served as Co-Chair of the Montgomery County Bar Association, Workers’ Compensation Section for 2022-2024. He is the Pennsylvania Work Comp Expert on the Ask the Experts Radio Show in Philadelphia every month. He has a high winning percentage and is known to fight tooth and nail for his clients, to either win their case, or to get every penny possible in settlement. He has run marathons, beat cancer, and fought in kickboxing competitions- he brings this fighting spirit to every case.



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Paul Silver has been practicing law in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for over 40 years. He has served as a judicial law clerk for the Court of Common Pleas of Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. He has also served as a Staff Attorney for the Third Circuit Court of Appeals. He served as Chief of the Legal Division of the Pennsylvania Bureau of Workers’ Compensation and as Deputy Chief Counsel for the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry. Attorney Silver has represented insured and self-insured employers throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and has represented hundreds of Claimants in workers’ compensation and unemployment compensation matters. He knows the law and strategy from both sides of the fence! He has the highest “AV” attorney rating and has excellent research and writing skills. He has lectured and published in the areas of employment law, workers’ compensation, and unemployment compensation. Attorney Silver graduated from Penn State University with honors. He received a J.D. Degree from Temple University and earned a post-doctorate LL.M. Degree in Labor & Employment Law from Temple.



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