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JOHN (JACK) SCAROLA graduated cum laude from Georgetown University in 1969 and from Georgetown Law Center in 1973. Prior to joining the firm, during 1978, he was Chief Prosecutor in the Palm Beach County State Attorney's Office where he led the prosecution of over fifty major criminal trials, including the first fully televised murder trial.

Mr. Scarola is Board Certified in both Civil Litigation and Commercial & Business Litigation practices. While he devotes a substantial portion of his practice to personal injury, wrongful death and medical malpractice, he has developed a special interest in representing individuals and small businesses harmed by the abuses of large and powerful corporations.

Mr. Scarola is a past President of the Palm Beach County Trial Lawyers Association and has served as an active leader in professional associations, both countywide and statewide. He is the recipient of the President's Pro Bono Service Award from the State Bar Association and the Community Service Award from the Legal Aid Society in recognition of his volunteer service in providing free legal assistance to countless individuals and community groups.

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

Education

Bachelor of Arts 1969 Georgetown University
Juris Doctor 1973 Georgetown University Law Center

Professional experience

- May 1978 to present:
 - Searcy Denney Scarola Barnhart & Shipley, PA, General Litigation
 - Member, Board of Directors
 - Corporate Director, Secretary/Treasurer
 - Certified as a civil trial lawyer
 - Certified as a commercial and business litigation 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:
 - Deputy State Attorney, 15th Judicial Circuit, Palm Beach County, Florida; Chief Felony Prosecutor

Martindale-Hubbell Classification

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Practice Areas

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