



**Paul G. Ferrara** Partner

## Practices

ERISA  
Fire Loss Litigation  
Litigation /Trial Practice  
Professional Liability Defense

## Bio

Mr. Ferrara joined Costello, Cooney & Fearon in 1987 and has been a partner with the firm since 1995. He concentrates in the area of civil trial law with an emphasis on professional liability, errors and omissions and directors and officers liability. In addition to acting in the defense of insureds, he also counsels and represents insurers in various insurance coverage disputes and declaratory judgment actions. He is chief operating officer for the firm and a member of the firm's three-person executive committee.

Mr. Ferrara has lectured and has written extensively on various issues involving professional liability. Among the copyrighted articles he has published are Legal Malpractice, Practical Legal Ethics, Defense of Legal Malpractice Actions, How to Avoid Legal Malpractice Claims, How to Respond to a Grievance, Preventing Errors and Omissions and Ethics in Attorney Advertising. He is also the author of Legal Malpractice in New York - an outline for practitioners and claims professionals. His lectures have included presentations before various organizations across New York State and Massachusetts, including the New York State Bar Association. Mr. Ferrara is a select national counsel for the CNA Lawyers Liability Group. In this capacity, he frequently conducts loss prevention seminars for CNA and its insureds throughout New York State.

Mr. Ferrara graduated cum laude from Northeastern University in 1984 and received his law degree from Syracuse University College of Law in 1987. While in law school, he was a national finalist in the Association of American Trial Lawyers' Trial Advocacy Competition.

Mr. Ferrara is admitted to practice before all New York and Massachusetts Courts as well as the Federal Court for Massachusetts and Connecticut and the Northern, Southern, Eastern and Western Districts of New York. He is also admitted to the United States Second Circuit Court of Appeals. In October 2008, he was elected to the American Board of Trial Advocates. In 2007, he was selected to be a member of the International Association of Defense Counsel. Mr. Ferrara possesses an AV rating from Martindale-Hubbell, and he has been named to the New York Super Lawyers from 2008 through 2015 in the areas of professional liability defense, insurance defense and ERISA. Mr. Ferrara is a member of the American Bar Association's Standing Committee on Legal Malpractice and the Defense Research Institute Committee on Professional Liability. He is also a member of the New York State Bar Association Committee on Professional Discipline and a member of the New York State Attorney Grievance Committee for the 5th Judicial District.

## Education

Syracuse University College of Law, J.D., 1987

Northeastern University, *Cum Laude*, B.S. 1984

## Admissions

New York

Massachusetts

U.S. Second Circuit Court of Appeals

U.S. District Court, Northern, Southern, Eastern and Western Districts

U.S. District Court, District of Massachusetts

U.S. District Court, District of Connecticut

U.S. District Court, Middle District of Pennsylvania

## Memberships and Associations

American Bar Association Standing Committee on Legal Malpractice

American Board of Trial Advocates

DRI Committee on Professional Liability

New York State Bar Association Committee on Professional Discipline, former member

International Association of Defense Counsel

## Community Involvement

Super Lawyer

AV Rating by Martindale-Hubbell

American Board of Trial Advocates

International Association of Defense Counsel

National Law Journal-Top Personal Injury Lawyer

Select National Counsel for CNA Lawyer Liability Corporation