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Curriculum Vitae

MICHAEL D. CELENTANO is a Practice Group Manager in the Firm's Insurance Services and Litigation Group. He has extensive experience in a wide range of civil litigation, including product liability, premises liability, automobile negligence, consumer fraud, complex personal injury, construction litigation, complex commercial litigation, and contract disputes. Mr. Celentano also has substantial experience in class action and mass tort litigation. He regularly appears in state and federal court in connection with these matters and has experience in all phases of litigation.

Mr. Celentano represents a wide array of clients including insurance companies, small and large businesses, and individuals named as defendants in civil lawsuits. He served as one of the lead attorneys on several large class actions involving a broad spectrum of issues, including product liability, exposure to bloodborne pathogens, insurance claims, and several other matters. Mr. Celentano has considerable experience handling the day-to-day responsibilities of defending such large class actions, and has actively participated in class certification proceedings, complex discovery of electronically stored information, depositions, and extensive motion practice associated with all aspects of class action litigation.

Mr. Celentano is admitted to practice in the State of New Jersey and the State of New York.

Mr. Celentano received his Juris Doctorate from New England Law, Boston in 2012. At New England Law, Mr. Celentano was the Lead Article Editor for the New England Journal on Criminal and Civil Confinement. Prior to joining the Firm, Mr. Celentano served as a law clerk to the Honorable Randal C. Chiocca, J.S.C., of the Superior Court of New Jersey in the Passaic and Essex Vicinages.

Mr. Celentano received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Drew University in 2009 with a major in Psychology and a minor in Sociology. He was a four-year starter for the Drew University Men's Lacrosse Team and served as team captain during his senior year. Mr. Celentano was also elected President of the Drew University Student Athlete Advisory Committee.

Awards

- Listed in Super Lawyers® Rising Stars (2016-2026), a Thomson Reuters business, in the area of Civil Litigation. A description of the standard or methodology on which the accolade is based can be found HERE (No aspect of the advertisement has been approved by the Supreme Court).
- Listed in Best Lawyers® (2026-2027), a Woodward/White, Inc. business and partners with U.S. News & World Report, in the area of Litigation - Insurance. A description of the standard or methodology on which the accolade is based can be found HERE (No aspect of the advertisement has been approved by the Supreme Court).

Industries

Insurance

Practices

Class Actions
Insurance Coverage
Litigation
Personal Injury Defense
Premises Liability
Product Liability

Education

Drew University (B.A. 2009)
New England School of Law (J.D. 2012)

Admissions

State of New Jersey
State of New York
U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey