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PARTNER

Tom Cella is a 1983 graduate of Western New England College School of Law and spent one year as a law clerk for the Connecticut Superior Court before joining Howard, Kohn, Sprague & FitzGerald in 1984. He was made a partner of the firm in 1991. Attorney Cella maintains a diverse litigation caseload which includes the representation of individuals, corporations and municipalities in all phases of trial practice. He primarily represents both plaintiffs and defendants in personal injury litigation.

Attorney Cella is certified by the National Board of Trial Advocacy as a civil trial lawyer and has tried over 65 jury cases to verdict. He serves as a Special Master for the United States District Court, District of Connecticut and as an Arbitrator and Fact Finder for the Connecticut Superior Court where he assists in the resolution and settlement of pending civil matters. Attorney Cella is frequently called upon to mediate or arbitrate civil actions.

Attorney Cella has been elected to membership in the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA). ABOTA is a national organization of the top trial lawyers in the country representing both plaintiffs and defendants. He has been recognized by *Connecticut Super Lawyers* and is listed in *Best Lawyers in America* in the fields of personal injury, product liability and medical malpractice litigation. Attorney Cella has received the highest rating (AV) from Martindale-Hubbell.

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- <http://www.abota.org>
- http://superlawyers.com/about/selection_process.html
- <http://www.bestlawyers.com/aboutus/selectionprocess.aspx>
- <http://www.martindale.com>
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Areas of Practice

Civil Litigation

Personal Injury

Medical Malpractice

Product Liability

Wrongful Death

Bar Admissions

Connecticut, 1983

U.S. District Court, District of Connecticut, 1984

Mohegan Gaming Disputes Court, 2014

Education

Western New England School of Law, J.D., 1983

University of Connecticut, B.A., 1979

Professional Associations and Memberships

American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA), Member/Advocate

American Association for Justice

Connecticut Trial Lawyers Association

American Bar Association

Connecticut Bar Association

Connecticut Defense Lawyers Association

Hartford County Bar Association

Manchester Bar Association

Community Involvement and Public Service

Assistant Town Attorney, Town of Manchester, 1986-89, 1991- 2008

Fact Finder and Arbitrator, Superior Court, State of Connecticut, 1999 - present

Special Master, U.S. District Court, District of Connecticut, 1988 - present

Life Fellow, Connecticut Bar Foundation

Seminars

"Deposition Practice & Procedures, Hartford County Bar Association, 2005, 2006"

"Cross -Examination of an Accident Reconstruction Expert", Connecticut Defense Lawyers Association, 2004

"Superior Deposition Strategies in Connecticut Civil Trial Practice", National Business Institute, 2002

"Cross-Examination of the Plaintiff in Minor Injury/Soft Tissue Cases", Connecticut Defense Lawyer's Association, 2000