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LAW OFFICES OF ARMANDO PANDOLA 1990-Present

- Practice is concentrated in professional liability, personal injury, products liability, civil rights, employment discrimination, and commercial litigation.
- Experience in all phases of litigation.
- Extensive trial experience and appeals court experience, including setting precedential law in several leading cases such as *Collas v. Garnick*, 624. A.2d 117, 120-21 (Pa. Super. 1993) and *Thomas v. City of Philadelphia*, 681 A.2d 1023 (Pa. Cmwlth 2004).
- Neutral arbitrator in hundreds of cases.
- Expert Witness in Legal Malpractice cases.

Cozen and O'Connor 1986-1990

- Tried dozens of professional liability claims, including major claims in medical and legal malpractice and employment claims.
- Assigned to both the Subrogation and Defense departments,
- Worked directly with the name partners.
- Handled claims from the investigation stage to completion.
- Worked on several international insurance claims, including claims litigated in Spain and England.

- Worked closely with several insurance companies to initiate claims program in catastrophic injury claims. This program helped insurance companies to assess and manage those claims by actively becoming involved with a potential claim as soon as the catastrophe occurred rather than waiting for the claims to come in.
- Based on experience with the City Of Philadelphia's law Department, handled many of the firm's defense litigation for various local municipalities, including civil rights claims.

City of Philadelphia Solicitor's Office

1978-1986

- Appointed an attorney in the City of Philadelphia Law Department, beginning in the Major Trials Division, promoted to Chief of General Trials, then to Chief Deputy for Litigation.
- Part of the team that re-structured the City's Law Department, making it a professional office of full time attorneys.
- As a trial attorney, tried dozens of cases to verdict involving numerous types of claims, and specialized in the defense of catastrophic injury claims and civil rights claims.
- Tried cases in both state and federal court.
- Created new law involving municipalities pursuant to the Political Subdivision and Sovereign Immunity Acts.
- Upon promotion to Chief of General Trials, supervised thirty attorneys and fifty non-attorney staff and was responsible for training the incoming, entry-level

- attorneys. The General Trial division handled a large percentage of cases in the Philadelphia Arbitration system. Became involved in changing the old arbitration system in Philadelphia, making it into the modern centralized system we have, currently.
- While Chief Deputy, continued to try important cases, many of which resulted in landmark decisions such as Love v. City of Philadelphia, 509 A.2d 1388 (1986) and Mascaro v. City, 523 A.2d 1118 (1987).
 - Initiated a program of reviewing all city contracts, installing a requirement of insurance protection for the city; then, created a unit whose sole purpose was to pursue, vigorously, the enforcement of those defense and indemnification contract provisions.
 - Extensive experience in supervising attorneys, managing litigation and providing advice and counsel on legal issues such as personal injury claims, employment, civil rights, contracts, appellate issues. etc.
 - Tenure as Chief Deputy under Barbara Mather and Handsell Minyard helped to create a modern, professional Law Department, treating the various city departments as clients and providing top grade professional legal services and advice to them.

EDUCATION

St. Joseph's University 1968-1972

Graduated in the top 5% with a BA in English and Theatre Arts.

Temple University School of Law 1975-1978

Graduated in the top 5% with firsts in Constitutional Law, Contracts and Remedies.

MEMBERSHIPS

Philadelphia Bar Association

Philadelphia Trial Lawyers Association

American Trial Lawyers Association

United States District Court for Eastern Pennsylvania

United States Third Circuit Court of Appeals

AV Martindale-Hubbell rating

Philadelphia Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts

Judge Pro Temp

AAA - Arbitrator

Settlement Master

Pro hac vice into New Jersey, Delaware, New York and numerous other jurisdictions.

PUBLICATIONS AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS:

- Published numerous articles in the Legal Intelligencer.
- Taught Philadelphia Bar Association Sponsored Courses in Civil Rights Litigation, Legal Malpractice Law and Litigation against Government Entities.
- Regular Contributor to The Broad Street Review, an online arts magazine,

and have been published in the Philadelphia Inquirer and Daily News.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

- Co-Founder along with Alexandria Dilks Pandola of *Green Light Arts*. a non-profit 501 (c)(3) devoted to exploring woman's role in society and increasing women participation in the arts.
- Board of Directors of *Luna Theatre Company*
- Board of Directors of *The Irish Heritage Theatre*.
- Member of the Dramatist Guild of America
- Winner of the *Edwin Forrest Playwriting Competition* at the Walnut Street Theatre Ten plays produced in last ten years, including at The Walnut Street Theatre