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Michael Baldassare concentrates his practice on defending individuals and corporations in criminal investigations and prosecutions. He has tried numerous federal and state cases to verdict on a variety of charges such as RICO, mail and wire fraud, bribery, and extortion, among others.

He has represented clients in connection with internal and government investigations as well as trial-level proceedings relating to bank fraud, health care fraud, money laundering/structuring, the Arms Export Control Act, tax fraud, and visa fraud.

Michael represents clients in the administrative, licensing, and regulatory proceedings that frequently flow from criminal matters. He also represents clients before investigative bodies such as the New Jersey State Commission of Investigation.

He has argued matters of first impression before the New Jersey Supreme Court and the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. In *State v. A.G.D.*, 178 N.J. 56 (2003), Michael represented the Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers of New Jersey, and convinced the Court that an individual's Miranda waiver is not knowing and voluntary if law enforcement fails to inform that person that a warrant has already been issued for his arrest. By unanimous decision, the Court vacated the defendant's conviction. In *State v. Delgado*, 188 N.J. 48 (2006), again on behalf of the ACDL-NJ, he persuaded the Court to enhance the protections of those accused of crimes by requiring more stringent procedures for out-of-court witness identifications. And, in *United States v. Newsome*, 439 F.3d 181 (3d Cir. 2006), Michael argued an important issue of first impression regarding the application of an enhancement for identity theft under the Guidelines.

In numerous federal cases, Michael successfully obtained reduced sentences for clients based upon their extraordinary family circumstances, diminished capacity, post-offense rehabilitation, and charitable service to the community, among other reasons.

EDUCATION

Seton Hall University School of Law, J.D., 1999, *Member, Seton Hall Law Review*

Iowa State University, M.A., 1989

St. Peter's College, B.A., 1987

HONORS & AWARDS

President, New Jersey Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers

New York Area's Top Attorneys 2012, New York Magazine, December 2011

Professional Achievement Award, New Jersey State Bar Association, Young Lawyer Division, 2001

Listed in:

- Super Lawyers, Top 100 New Jersey Lawyers, 2012-2019
- Super Lawyers, Criminal Defense: White Collar, 2010-2019
- Super Lawyers Rising Star, Criminal Defense: White Collar, 2006-2009