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Services and Industries

- Investigations and Criminal Defense
- Litigation

Education

Temple University School of Law, J.D., 1985

Admissions

Pennsylvania

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania

U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan

U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas

U.S. Tax Court

U.S. Court of Federal Claims
Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals

Mark E. Cedrone has dedicated his 35-year career to representing clients under investigation by or in disputes with various governmental units and administrative agencies. Mark has represented and counseled individuals and businesses in a wide range of sophisticated criminal and quasi-criminal matters, ranging from complex tax and fraud matters to computer crimes to narcotics and firearm offenses.

Mark represents clients in all stages of the government dispute/litigation process, including investigations, plea negotiations, trials, post-trial proceedings, and appeals. He has the unique ability to adapt his approach to the specific needs of every client. He has successfully represented attorneys, pharmacists, realtors, and insurance brokers accused of wrongdoing by various licensing boards and administrative agencies. His clients have also included high-ranking public officials, multinational corporations, and small and large business owners.

As a former law clerk and attorney adviser for the United States Tax Court, Mark is uniquely qualified to represent clients in audits and investigations conducted by the Internal Revenue Service and other taxing authorities. He has extensive experience in sensitive civil tax audits, criminal tax investigations, trials in criminal and civil tax matters, sentencing proceedings, and tax appeals. He has also represented clients in connection with the IRS's Voluntary Disclosure Programs, Form 8300 and money laundering investigations, and various collection and innocent spouse proceedings.

Mark opened his own law practice in 1992 after working at Duane, Morris & Heckscher (now Duane Morris LLP) in its Special Litigation Group. While at Duane Morris, his practice focused almost exclusively on complex criminal and civil tax disputes.

Over the course of his career, Mark has spoken at multiple conferences on white collar criminal defense and tax litigation topics. He has been selected by his peers as one of Pennsylvania's Super Lawyers for White Collar Criminal Defense and has served as an executive member of The Temple American Inn of Court. He is a member of the American Bar Association, Criminal Justice Section and Tax Section. In 2018, Mark was invited to become a Fellow of The American College of Trial Lawyers, recognized as the preeminent organization of trial lawyers in North America.

In addition to his work for private clients, Mark represents indigent defendants in federal criminal matters. Specifically, he is both a member of the Criminal Justice Act (CJA) Panel for the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania (EDPA) and the EDPA's CJA Panel Representative. In his role as the court's representative, he collaborates directly with all stakeholders to resolve issues affecting the panel as efficiently as possible.

Also, Mark has been active in many charitable endeavors. He currently sits on the finance committee of his local parish church in Philadelphia. He has also served on the Board of Trustees of the Hope Partnership for Education, a nonprofit middle school and adult education center serving the poor of North Philadelphia.

Recognitions

- Best Lawyers in America, Criminal Defense: White Collar, 2023

- Pennsylvania Super Lawyers in White Collar Crime, 2005-2022

Professional Affiliations

- American College of Trial Lawyers
- American Bar Association, Tax Section, Criminal & Civil Penalties Committee
- Pennsylvania Association of Criminal Defense lawyers, White Collar Crime Group
- Federal Bar Association, Criminal Law Committee. Philadelphia Chapter
- Philadelphia Bar Association
- National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
- Criminal Justice Act Panel, US District Court EDPA
- American Bar Association

Speaking Engagements

- *"The Pros, Cons, and Limits of Using Video for Witnesses and Hearings in Federal Court Proceedings"*, 2022 Federal Bench Bar Conference, November 9, 2022