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PRACTICES

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Management and Professional Liability
Construction Litigation and Counsel
Municipal and Government Law

INDUSTRIES

Construction
Municipalities and Public Entities

Emilio F. Grillo

PARTNER

EXPERIENCE

Emilio F. Grillo is a nationally recognized trial attorney with more than two decades of litigation experience in personal injury, professional liability, products liability, criminal law, construction, labor law, transportation law, and other commercial disputes. He is Goldberg Segalla's senior litigation partner for Metro New York and co-chair of its Civil Litigation and Trial practice group. Emilio's clients have included regional and national construction and real estate holding companies, product manufacturers, restaurants, hotels, and entertainment companies, as well as national and international retailers. He also has extensive experience in trucking and transportation law, having represented motor carrier companies in a variety of litigation.

Emilio's experience, skills, and service were recognized by two highly respected organizations. He was selected as a Fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America (LCA), an invitation-only collegial network of lawyers who represent clients across North America and around the world. This honor is bestowed upon less than one-half of one percent of American lawyers. In addition, Emilio was made a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA), an invitation-only organization of experienced trial attorneys who exhibit the virtues of civility, integrity, and professionalism.

Emilio spent six years as an Assistant District Attorney in the Kings County District Attorney's Office, where he was assigned to the Criminal Court, Grand Jury, Investigations, Appeals, Felony Trial and Homicide Bureaus. As senior trial attorney, Emilio tried over 30 felony cases to verdict, including seven murder trials.

HONORS & AWARDS

- Notable Litigators & Trial Attorneys, *Crain's New York Business,* 2025
- *Best Lawyers in America*
  - Litigation — Construction, 2024-27
  - Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants, 2025-27
- New York Metro *Super Lawyers,* 2014–26

BACKGROUND

ADMISSIONS

- New York, 1991
- Connecticut, 1991
- U.S. District Courts for the Eastern and Southern Districts of New York

EDUCATION

- St. John's University School of Law, J.D., 1990
- University of Connecticut, B.A., *cum laude*, 1987

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TRAINING AND CERTIFICATIONS

- Department of Labor OSHA-30 Training

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA)
- Litigation Counsel of America (LCA), Fellow
  - Diversity Law Institute, Member
  - Trial Law Institute, Member
- Defense Research Institute (DRI)
- Long Island Claims Association
- New York State Bar Association
  - Torts and Insurance Compensation Executive Committee, 2006-13
- Claims and Litigation Management Alliance
- Columbian Lawyers Association
  - Board of Directors, Chairman, 2005-07
- Village of Rockville Centre, Trustee, 2013 to present
  - Deputy Village Attorney/Prosecutor, 2004-13

LANGUAGES

- Italian
- Spanish

PUBLICATIONS & EVENTS

PRESENTATIONS

- “Practicing with Civility,” Litigation Counsel of America’s 2026 Conference & Celebration of Fellows, September 24, 2026
- Co-Presenter, “Understanding Litigation Funding,” Client Presentation, June 26, 2024
- Presenter, “Trial Presentation – Lombardo v. Tishman v. Turner,” Montvale, NJ, March 1, 2018
- Presenter, “A Bridge the Gap for Litigators,” NY County Lawyer’s Association, New York, NY, March 12, 2016
- Presenter, “Addressing the Challenges of Settling a Civil Lawsuit,” New York State Bar Association’s Law School for Insurance Professionals, 2010
- Presenter, “Honing Your Deposition Skills in Tort and Personal Injury Cases,” New York State Bar Association, 2010