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Charles Slanina, a native Delawarean, graduated from the University of Delaware and Catholic University School of Law. He is admitted to the Bars of the Supreme Court of the State of Delaware, the United States District Court for the District of Delaware, the United States Court of Appeal for the Third Circuit, and the United States Supreme Court.

Upon graduation from law school, Mr. Slanina was the sole law clerk for the Delaware Family Court statewide.

He then joined the Delaware Department of Justice. During his eight-year tenure as a Deputy Attorney General, he headed civil and criminal trial units, including the Family Court, Medicaid Fraud and Patient Abuse Unit, and represented state administrative agencies while prosecuting high profile criminal cases.

Mr. Slanina next spent four years at the Office of Disciplinary Counsel as the Chief Disciplinary Counsel, investigating and prosecuting violations of the Rules of Professional Conduct as well as Unauthorized Practice of Law matters.

He has been in private practice since 1993. That practice has included plaintiffs' tort, insurance and toxic tort defense, civil litigation and family law. He has also defended high profile criminal cases, including matters drawing international media attention.

His practice currently focuses on professional responsibility counseling and defense. Mr. Slanina provides ethics advisory opinions for many Delaware, national and international firms and testifies as an expert in professional responsibility matters in Delaware, Pennsylvania and New Jersey courts. In addition, he has served as a special prosecutor for the New Castle County Ethics Commission.

Mr. Slanina is a frequent speaker on legal ethics and professional responsibility topics at seminars and conferences sponsored by the Delaware State Bar Association, Delaware Trial Lawyers Association, University of Delaware Academy of Lifelong Learning, Superior Court Trial Practice Forum, Delaware Supreme Court Pre-Admission Conference and has also been an adjunct professor at Widener University School of Law.

He is the author of "Ethically Speaking," a monthly column discussing legal ethics issues, published in *The Journal*, the magazine of the Delaware State Bar Association. Mr. Slanina is a member of the American Bar Association, the Delaware Bar Association, the Association of Professional Responsibility Lawyers and the Rodney Inns of Court, where he has served as President. Martindale-Hubbard has rated Mr. Slanina as AV for legal ability and ethical standard based on peer review and in 2004 and 2018, was named one of Delaware's "Top Attorneys" in *Delaware Today* magazine.