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Jeffrey L. O'Hara joined Connell Foley in 1993. As of January 2010, he has handled over 65 jury trials in a wide array of subject areas, with 52 verdicts. Mr. O'Hara previously supervised major claims investigation and general litigation efforts nationally for a publicly-traded power and energy company. He is the engagement partner for the National Counsel Program with a publicly-traded franchisor. Moreover, Mr. O'Hara serves as primary trial counsel in the New York-New Jersey region in a wide spectrum of general liability matters for one of the world's largest retailers.

Mr. O'Hara is a three time recipient of the "Bullseye Barrister" distinction for outstanding trial service from Target Corporation, December 2007, July 2009, and May 2010. Mr. O'Hara was most recently named in The International *Who's Who of Franchise Lawyers* 2009. The Supreme Court of New Jersey recertified Mr. O'Hara as a Certified Civil Trial Attorney in 2006—a recognition he has enjoyed since 1999. He has also been an Associate in the American Board of Trial Advocates since 2003.

He is a member of the International Association of Defense Counsel (2004 to present) and the Defense Research Institute's Trial Tactics Steering Committee (2003 to present). He has been a Master in the Justice William J. Brennan, Jr. Inn of Court since 1996. In addition, Mr. O'Hara serves as Connell Foley's primary contact with USLAW and was elected to its Board of Directors in 2006. In this regard, he received the O'Hagen Award for outstanding service in October, 2007 and is currently serving on the Board's Executive Committee. Finally, Mr. O'Hara serves as a member of the legal committee for USA Triathlon.

After graduation from law school, Mr. O'Hara served as Law Clerk to Associate Justice Virginia Long, during her 1992-93 term on the Superior Court of New Jersey, Appellate.

### Representative Experience

- Melville v. US Bancorp Supreme Court of New York (Kings County) Demand – \$2.5 million, Offer – \$0, 5 days of trial (terms of post-liability verdict resolution confidential);
- Olan v. Target Corp Eastern District of New York (Brooklyn) Demand – \$1.2 million, Offer \$100,000, 4 days of trial – no cause of action;
- Marrero v. Target Corp. Supreme Court of New York (Bronx County) Demand – \$5.6 million, Offer – \$300,000, 13 days of trial – verdict of \$1.3 million (terms of post-verdict resolution confidential);
- Kone v. SYSCO Food Services of Metro New York Supreme Court of New York (Kings County) Demand – \$250,000, Offer – \$10,000, 3 days of trial – case resolved during trial for \$12,000;

### Practice Areas:

Business Litigation  
Product Liability and Tort Law  
Professional Liability

### Admitted to Practice:

State of New Jersey  
State of Colorado

### Education:

Mercer County College (A.A., 1986)  
University of California at Davis  
(B.A., 1988)  
Widener University School of Law  
(J.D., *cum laude*, 1992)

### Affiliations:

New Jersey State Bar Association  
Colorado State Bar Association

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- Edison Salvage v. Garden State Paper Company Superior Court of New Jersey (Bergen County) Demand – \$3.25 million, Offer – \$260,000, 2 phase trial (1st phase 6 days, 2nd phase 2 days) – verdict of \$295,000;
- White v. Morcos Superior Court of New Jersey (Passaic County) Demand \$2 million, Offer – 0, 14 days of trial, directed verdict as to Morcos, \$925,000 verdict as to other defendant;
- Alfone v. Caputo Superior Court of New Jersey (Essex County) Demand – \$1 million, Offer – 0, 4 days of trial – no cause for action;
- Jackson v. Jersey City Medical Center Superior Court of New Jersey (Hudson County) Demand – \$75,000, Offer – 0, 5 days of trial – no cause for action;
- Mansfield v. Rutgers University Superior Court of New Jersey (Middlesex County) Demand – \$100,000, Offer – 0, 3 days of trial – no cause for action;
- Murphy v. Target Corp. Superior Court of New Jersey (Monmouth County) Demand – \$125,000, Offer – \$25,000, 3 days of trial – no cause for action.

### Professional Activities

- Faculty, ABOTA Trial College, Princeton University (June 2010)
- Faculty, IADC Trial Academy, Stanford University (July 2008)
- Faculty, ITAP Widener University (2003 to Present)
- Featured Speaker, USLAW program entitled "Spoliation of Evidence – the New Tort?" (Miami, FL; April 2010)
- Featured Speaker, DRI program entitled "Damages" (Las Vegas, NV; March 2010)
- Program Chair, USLAW Spring Conference (Miami, FL; April 2008)
- Co-Chair, DRI program entitled "Complex Medicine" (Santa Monica, CA; November 2005)
- Featured Speaker, DRI program entitled "Complex Medicine for Trial Lawyers" (Miami, FL; November 2003)

### Publications

- Co-Author, Emergency Response Team Coordination in *DRI—For the Defense* (July 2006)
- Co-Author, "The Duty of Corporate Counsel to Preserve Evidence" in *Metropolitan Corporate Counsel* (September 2004)
- Co-Author, "Independent Tort Claims for Spoliation" in *DRI—For The Defense* (July 2004)
- Co-Author of article with Justice Long in *New Jersey Lawyer* (December 1993)

### Representative Clients

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| - The ACE Group                  | - Quanta Services       |
| - ChampionChip                   | - Realogy Corporation   |
| - Continental Tire North America | - SYSCO Corporation     |
| - Cooper Industries              | - T.G.I. Fridays        |
| - Dorel Juvenile Group           | - Target Corporation    |
| - HEICO Companies                | - US Bancorp            |
| - Indiana Mills Manufacturing    | - Wackenhut Corporation |
| - JP Morgan Chase                | - Wyndham Worldwide     |
| - Magic Brands                   | - Yum Brands            |

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