

# O'TOOLE SCRIVO

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## Michael Garcia

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Michael (Miguel) Garcia's practice is dedicated to insurance defense, mass tort, criminal defense and municipal work. Mr. Garcia participates in the defense of clients' interests in all phases of litigation. He also conducts corporate and municipal investigations regarding allegations of employee misconduct, harassment and/or discrimination. Additionally, he works with Township Administrators and Business Administrators, Town Councils and Department Heads to draft Ordinances and Requests for Proposals.

Prior to joining O'Toole Scrivo, Mr. Garcia was an Assistant Union County Prosecutor working in the Juvenile Unit, the Trial Unit, Sexual Assault Unit and the Appellate Unit. Mr. Garcia was an Assistant United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey. He was assigned to the Public Protections Unit and was the liaison to the Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section of the U.S. Department of Justice. He also prosecuted mail fraud, social security fraud, passport fraud and narcotics cases.

Mr. Garcia is fluent in Spanish.

### Notable Representations

- Third Circuit Decisions:  
Hernandez v. City of Union City, 264 Fed. Appx. 221 (3d Cir.2008)  
United States v. Castro, 66 Fed. Appx. 331 (3d Cir. 2003)
- Appellate Division Decisions:  
In re Ortiz, 2010 N.J. Super. Unpub. LEXIS 1296 (App. Div. June 15, 2010)  
In re Trust Under Agree of Vander Poel, 396 N.J. Super. 218 (App. Div. 2007)

### Honors & Awards

- Syracuse University College of Law

- Dean's List, 1992 - 1994
- U.S. Law Week Award, 1994
- Charles H. Revson Fellowship, 1992
- Syracuse University Graduate College  
Graduate Teaching Assistantship/Fellowship, 1993 - 1994
- Dartmouth College  
1927 Joseph P. Dallet Memorial Prize, 1991  
Academic Citation, 1989 - 1991

### **Memberships & Affiliations**

- Diamond Scholarship and Charitable Fund, Inc., 2004 - 2006 - Secretary
- Kappa Alpha Psi

### **Practice Areas**

Crisis Management, Environmental, Municipal and Local Government, White Collar Defense and Investigations, Toxic and Mass Tort

### **Admissions**

- State of New Jersey
- State of New York
- Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- United States Supreme Court

### **Education**

- Syracuse University College of Law (J.D.)
- Syracuse University Graduate College (M.A. in Foreign Languages)
- Dartmouth College (A.B. in Spanish and Government)
- Universidad de Salamanca, Spain (visiting student)
- Richard J. Hughes Inns of Court