

## **ABOUT NICK**

Following his graduation from the University of Kentucky College of Law (where he graduated with honors and served as an Associate Editor on the Kentucky Law Journal), Nick completed a two-year judicial clerkship with a federal trial court judge. Immediately thereafter, Nick began a private practice in his hometown of Somerset, Kentucky, where he worked diligently for more than twelve years as a successful trial lawyer in southern and eastern Kentucky, focusing primarily on the prosecution of personal injury and civil rights cases.

As a solo practitioner with more than a decade of experience, Nick has litigated more than 500 cases from beginning to end. Many of these cases have been complex, ranging from wrongful death and legal and medical malpractice cases to multi-million dollar insurance disputes. In virtually all of these cases, Nick has represented poor or relatively powerless groups or individuals against comparatively powerful corporations, government authorities and/or insurance companies.

As a private trial lawyer with more than a decade of experience, Nick has been able to help recover tens of millions of dollars for hundreds of different clients, including, a wrongful death jury verdict in excess of \$3.75 million against a local housing authority that was finalized in 2014 and for which Nick was recently approved as a Life Member of the Million Dollars Advocates Forum (an organization consisting of less than 1% of all lawyers in America). Also, during his service as a private trial attorney, Nick has served as lead or sole counsel in seventeen (17) cases that were tried to 12-person juries, winning favorable verdicts in twelve (12) of them, including the \$3.75 million dollar housing authority case referred to above. Additionally, of course, in his capacity as a successful solo practitioner, Nick has developed a full complement of legal and case management skills, including ongoing and highly responsive client consultation and communication, expert and other witness interviewing and preparation, multi-lawyer and multi-office collaborations, appellate advocacy, legal drafting, oral advocacy, negotiations, legal research and the conduct of formal and informal case development, discovery and investigations.

After briefly attending Port St. Joe High School in the early 1990s, Nick recently decided to re-locate his young family to the Florida Panhandle area with the intention of continuing the good legal work that he began in Kentucky. Nick's mission is, and will remain, to help underdogs achieve justice, one case at a time.