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Matt DellaBetta is an accomplished trial attorney with a distinguished history leading high-stakes investigations and achieving results for his clients.

Before entering private practice, Matt served as the Deputy Chief of the Violent Crimes and Gangs section at the United States Attorney's Office in Baltimore, Maryland. During his tenure as an Assistant United States Attorney, Matt led hundreds of investigations of organized criminal enterprises, violent gangs, and international drug cartels. These investigations resulted in successful prosecutions involving racketeering, murder, kidnapping, sex trafficking, fraud,

money laundering, tax evasion, and narcotics trafficking. Before his service with the Department of Justice, Matt also served as an Assistant District Attorney at the Manhattan District Attorney's Office in New York City, where he successfully tried dozens of cases to verdict.

Over the course of his career, Matt has tried numerous cases to verdict before juries in federal and state courts. Prior to joining Stumphauzer Kolaya Nadler & Sloman, Matt was a partner at a preeminent South Florida law firm where he specialized in products liability, wrongful death, and complex commercial litigation. His successes there include representing the rapper Flo Rida in a breach of contract suit against a publicly traded energy drink company. The trial, which received national news coverage, resulted in an \$82.6 million verdict in favor of Flo Rida, one of the largest verdicts of 2023.

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Key member of trial team that secured an \$82.6 million jury verdict on behalf of the rapper Flo Rida in a breach of contract dispute with a publicly traded energy drink company.
- Represented senior pharmaceutical sales executive in federal criminal investigation involving misbranded drugs.
- Secured below-Guidelines sentence of 36 months for laboratory owner convicted of conspiracy to commit health care fraud involving loss to the United States exceeding \$65 million.
- Secured below-Guidelines sentence of 6 months for investor convicted of insider trading involving over \$1 million in transactions.
- Secured dismissal with prejudice of all claims brought against corporate director by former SPAC sponsor related to dispute involving social media platform Truth Social. *See Trump Media & Technology Group Corp. (f/k/a Digital World Acquisition Corp), et al v. ARC Global Investments II, LLC, et al*, Case No. 2024-CA-001061-NC (Fla. 12th Jud'l Cir. 2024).
- Won reversal of order granting dismissal with prejudice of plaintiff's claims for malicious prosecution, abuse of process, and intentional infliction of emotional distress. *See Steinmetz v. Pickholtz*, 414 So. 3d 309 (Fla. 3d DCA 2025)

- Secured below-Guidelines sentence of 4 months for business owner convicted of bribery of a public official.
- Secured below-Guidelines sentence of 28 months for client convicted of distributing over 10 kilograms of cocaine and charged with 10-year minimum mandatory sentence offense.
- Secured \$5 million settlement against publicly traded corporation for wrongful death.
- Secured \$4.7 million settlement against an individual and municipality for wrongful death in an automobile crash.
- Lead counsel in the investigation and prosecution of a racketeering case against an organization that committed numerous murders-for-hire, including the murder of a federal witness.
- Lead counsel in the investigation and prosecution of racketeering case against an organization responsible for distributing controlled substances throughout the Mid-Atlantic region and causing dozens of fatal and non-fatal overdoses.
- Lead counsel in the investigation, prosecution, and trial conviction of one of the most prolific wholesale distributors of fentanyl in Baltimore.
- Co-counsel in investigation and prosecution of one of the largest MS-13 indictments in the District of Maryland, resulting in dozens of murder convictions.
- Lead counsel in the investigation and prosecution of a business owner who violated import regulations, health licensing regulations, and committed tax fraud to distribute unregulated medications and related products in Baltimore.

RECOGNITION

Awards & Accolades

- 2024 to Present– Super Lawyers
- 2023 – Cystic Fibrosis Foundation – *40 Under 40 Outstanding Professionals*
- 2023 – Best Lawyers *Ones to Watch* – Products Liability, Personal Injury, and Medical Malpractice

- 2010 – 1st Place, UCLA Roscoe Pound Moot Court Tournament
- 2009 – 1st Place, UCLA Mock Trial Tournament
- 2007 – Temple Prize (best undergraduate philosophy paper at San Jose State University)

Publications

November 2024 – *Fifth Circuit Prohibition on Geofence Warrants Raises Larger Question about Digital Search Warrants* – The Florida Defender

July 10, 2024 – *Snyder Decision Re-Emphasizes Supreme Court's Federalism Concerns in Federal Prosecutions* – Daily Business Review

November 2022 – *Additur: Avoiding a Pyrrhic Victory at Trial* – Florida Justice Association Journal

September 30, 2022 – *An End to DOJ Privilege Review? Trump Lawsuit Signals Shifting Court Attitudes* – Daily Business Review

Professional & Community Involvement

- Southern District of Florida Criminal Justice Act Panel
- Cystic Fibrosis Foundation
- Federal Bar Association
- Miami-Dade Bar

EDUCATION

- J.D., *UCLA School of Law*, 2011
 - Journal of International Law and Foreign Affairs
 - UCLA Moot Court National Team
 - UCLA National Trial Advocacy Team
- B.A., Philosophy, *summa cum laude*, San Jose State University, 2008

ADMISSIONS

- Florida
- New York
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida
- U.S. District Court of the Middle District of Florida
- United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit