

# Craig A. Mastantuono

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## Legal Experience

Apr. 1999-  
Present

### **Mastantuono Law Office, S.C., Milwaukee, WI Trial Lawyer and Shareholder**

Own and operate a legal services corporation specializing in criminal and civil trial litigation. Represent clients in criminal misdemeanor and felony cases, and in civil proceedings. Plan and direct all operational aspects of the law office, including marketing, financial planning, and client base management.

Sept. 1992-  
Mar. 1999

### **Office of the State of Wisconsin Public Defender: Assistant Public Defender, Trial Division, Waukesha, WI**

Provided legal representation at the trial level to indigent adult defendants in criminal felony and misdemeanor cases. Prepared all aspects of each case, including investigation, research, motions, plea negotiation, preliminary hearing, trial, and sentencing hearing. Founded unit for specialization in defending drug prosecutions.

May 1991-  
Aug. 1991

### **Rallo & Tepper Law Firm, Chicago, IL: Law Clerk**

Researched a wide variety of issues in commercial civil litigation. Drafted memoranda, pleadings, and briefs. Assisted at trials developing strategy and preparing witnesses and exhibits.

## Teaching Experience

1995-  
present

### **Carroll College, Waukesha, WI: Instructor, Department of Sociology**

Teach Criminal Procedure course for advanced students majoring in Criminal Justice. Select course material and texts, organize syllabi, plan and conduct class lectures, write exams. Responsible for final course grades.

## Education

### **DePaul University College of Law**

Juris Doctor, May 1992  
Cumulative GPA: 3.15/4.00 – top quarter of graduating class  
DePaul Business Law Journal: Writing Staff  
Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition: Trial Team  
Research Assistant, Professor Rodney J. Blackman, Constitutional Law

### **Loyola University of Chicago**

Bachelor of Business Administration: Marketing, Minor: Sociology, 1989  
Cumulative GPA: 3.5/4.00 – cum laude  
University Housing Department Resident Assistant – 3 years  
Loyola University Rome Center Campus for Liberal Arts – 1986-87

## Associations

National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers  
Wisconsin Hispanic Lawyer's Association  
National Italian American Bar Association & Justinian Lawyer's Society  
Milwaukee Bar Association

**Articles**

*Criminal Sentencings*. Wisconsin Opinions (1/18/00).

Defense strategies for sentencing hearing in criminal cases.

Co-authored with Barbara Gorman, Wisconsin Public Defender's Office.

*Hey Judge, Am I Movin' You Yet?*, Wisconsin Opinions (6/28/2000 & 7/5/2000).

Two-part series on motion practice in criminal defense cases.

*Commission Needed to Reform Juvenile Law*, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, Crossroads (5/18/03).

Defense perspective on juvenile competency issues in Milwaukee mob-beating case and call for commission to reform juvenile law. Opinion/editorial piece.

**Lectures**

*Can They Do That?* Wisconsin State Public Defender Conference, 1998.

Litigating search and seizure law.

*Motion Practice*. Wisconsin State Public Defender Conference, 1999.

Pre-trial motion practice in criminal cases.

*Criminal Sentencing*. Wisconsin State Bar Association, Bench & Bar Conf., 2000.

Defense strategies for defending clients at sentencing hearings in criminal cases.

Co-presented with Barbara Gorman, State Public Defender's Office.

*Whose Story Is It, Anyway?* Wisconsin State Public Defender Conference, 2000.

Using your client's life and experiences in defending a criminal case.

Co-presented with Attorney Sam Benedict, State Public Defender's Office.

*Juvenile Competency*. Wisconsin State Bar Association, Annual Convention, 2003.

Litigating juvenile competency issues in a criminal case, perspectives on defending 10-year-old child accused of criminal homicide in Milwaukee mob-beating death.

Co-presented with Dr. Antoinette Kavanaugh, Ph.D., Northwestern University.

*Hot Topics in Juvenile Law*. Wisconsin State Public Defender Conference, 2004.

Using the MacArthur Study for litigating juvenile competency issues.

*Criminal Law Procedure*, Wisconsin State Bar Association, Bench & Bar Conf., 2005

Recent case law update and practical effects for trial lawyers.

**Professional Teaching**

*Trial Skills Academy*,

State of Wisconsin Public Defender Office, 2001, 2003, 2004, 2005

*Annual Conference for Developments in Criminal Law*

Marquette University Law School, Center for Continuing Legal Education, 2004, 2005