

## Hate Crimes

Hate crimes are crimes committed against individuals because of the victim's gender, race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, age, or similar group affiliation/status. The criminal defense attorneys at Tully Rinckey PLLC are experienced in handling hate crime charges. We serve the Capital District area including Albany, Saratoga, Schenectady, and Troy.

These crimes of discrimination are also known as bias crimes. Hate crimes can take many forms of violence, and may include physical and/or verbal abuse, harassment, assault and battery, vandalism, homicide

, and more.

Hate crime laws have developed relatively recently. The issues they highlight are polarizing, and receive much public attention. This can lead to extra pressure for these crimes to be punished more severely. Hate crimes are usually prosecuted together with another underlying crime, and thus do add to the potential for harsher consequence. Consequences for a conviction may include:

Lengthy prison time

Probation or parole

Fines

Mandatory rehabilitation

After a person has been charged with a hate crime, the smartest thing to do is consult with an experienced criminal defense

attorney. An attorney will guarantee that their rights are protected. A knowledgeable criminal defense

attorney can evaluate the case and advise on the best course of action. In many cases, the charges can be reduced or even dismissed.

At Tully Rinckey, we have defended numerous hate crimes cases. The best defense is an experienced legal team, and we have the experience that counts. Our team consists of a former United States Prosecutor, a former County Court Judge, and a former Assistant District Attorney/Bureau Chief. Put them to work for you!

Please call us immediately if you or someone you know has been charged with a hate crime. You can reach us at 1-888-529-4543 or after hours for emergency legal service at 518-727-3593. You can reach us by e-mail at [info@tullylegal.com](mailto:info@tullylegal.com)

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