

Tully Rinckey PLLC Founding Partner Delivers Keynote Address at Saratoga Springs 9/11 Ceremony

Always Forward: Mathew Tully Recounts His Journey from WTC to Upstate and Afghanistan
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Marking the 13th

anniversary of the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center, Tully Rinckey PLLC Founding Partner Mathew B. Tully this morning delivered the keynote address at the 9/11 Ceremony and Remembrance at High Park in Saratoga Springs. Mr. Tully's speech recounted his journey from the World Trade Center's South Tower on Sept. 11, 2001 to upstate New York to Afghanistan. On 9/11, Mr. Tully was employed in Morgan Stanley's legal department located on the 65th

floor of the South Tower. When Flight 11 hit the North Tower on the morning of Sept. 11, he was in the South Tower's basement lobby waiting for an elevator. Minutes later, Flight 175 hit the South Tower. Mr. Tully managed to get out of the building, though six co-workers from his office died. Later that day, and for several days afterward, Mr. Tully, then a captain in the New York Army National Guard, was assigned to the New York Police Department's command and served as a military liaison to the NYPD chief. "Up until that morning, I thought I knew where my life was heading. And I'm sure many other people here would say their lives that morning also started heading in a completely unexpected direction. But we moved forward." said Mr. Tully. In 2003, Mr. Tully and his wife, Kimberly, relocated from Brooklyn to Hunter in Greene County, where he had a ski condo. Having received his law degree a year earlier, he established the beginning of his law practice in Hunter, NY. During the early years of his legal career, Mr. Tully built an impressive list of clients, initially representing federal employees who had experienced discrimination based on their military duty, in violation of the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA). Prior to pursuing a career in law, Mr. Tully had worked as a U.S. Bureau of Prisons law enforcement officer who successfully fought that agency's violations of his USERRA rights. In 2004, Mr. Tully partnered with his former, fellow Hofstra University Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) cadet, Greg T. Rinckey, to establish a law firm in Albany. Mr. Rinckey had then just completed six years of service with the Army's Judge Advocate General's (JAG) Corps as a captain. Over the next 10 years, as their firm, Tully Rinckey PLLC, became one of the nation's fastest growing companies and largest federal employment and military law firms, 9/11 continued to impact Mr. Tully's life. After taking military leave from his multimillion-dollar business to serve in Iraq in 2005 and Egypt in 2007, Mr. Tully, then a lieutenant colonel, in 2012 was deployed

to Afghanistan as part of Operation Enduring Freedom. There, in August 2012, Mr. Tully was injured in a suicide car bomb attack. His service in Afghanistan awarded him the Purple Heart and Bronze Star. Mr. Tully did not return to his civilian job of running Tully Rinckey PLLC until last May, after being medically retired from the Army. Since returning to the firm, Tully Rinckey PLLC has relocated and expanded its offices in Buffalo and Washington, D.C., and last week it opened its seventh office in San Diego, CA. Last month, Inc.

magazine, for a sixth consecutive year, recognized Tully Rinckey PLLC as one of the nation's fastest growing, privately owned companies, and the Thomson Reuters attorney ranking service Super Lawyers named Mr. Tully an "Upstate New York Super Lawyer" for a fourth consecutive year. The firm employs over 120 people, including over 55 attorneys, throughout its seven offices in upstate New York, Virginia, the District of Columbia and California. To speak to Mathew B. Tully or for more information, please contact James Schlett at (518) 218-7100 or at jschlett@1888law4life.com