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- Tully Rinckey, PLLC will handle all Butterbaugh claims for union members

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– Tully Rinckey, PLLC has recently been named to act as co-counsel with the largest federal employee union in the nation, the American Federation of Government Employees. The contract is expected to help 10,000 victims of military discrimination collect nearly \$300 million in damages and legal fees over the next four years. The firm, located in upstate New York, will co-represent approximately 10,000 union members in their attempt to retrieve compensation for military leave which they were improperly charged. The contract was awarded to Tully Rinckey due to its continued success in providing outstanding legal representation to veterans. Recently, the firm has won several landmark decisions which affected thousands of veterans and reservists throughout the nation. These decisions were made possible by AFGE's own landmark decision in 2003, *Butterbaugh v. Dept. of Justice*, which paved the way for reservists to recover improperly charged military leave. "Our partnership with AFGE shows true national leadership within the legal field by attorneys within our firm," said Mathew B. Tully, founding partner. "The opportunity to connect with such a respected union and assist its thousands of members is one which we are proud to have." While the contract marks the first of its size for Tully Rinckey, PLLC the firm plans to continue expanding its practice in the federal employment law market. "Our firm is completely dedicated to the protection of veterans' rights. We anticipate becoming a major player on the national level. This is only the beginning," said Tully. AFGE represents 600,000 federal and D.C. government workers nationwide and overseas. Workers in virtually every federal agency depend upon AFGE for legal representation, legislative advocacy, technical expertise, and informational services.