



Donald E. Kelly, Esq. - Managing Partner

EDUCATION:

JD Syracuse University College of Law
BA State University of New York at Oswego

BAR ADMISSIONS:

New York

PRACTICE AREAS:

Civil Litigation
Criminal Law
Employment Law
Family/Matrimonial Law

Practice Locations:

Syracuse NY

As Managing Partner of Tully Rinckey PLLC's Syracuse office, Don has dedicated his time to ensuring the professionalism of his office while actively participating as an integral part of Tully Rinckey's management committee. In addition to his managerial duties, Don continues to represent clients who are charged in criminal court as well as those seeking redress for employment discrimination. Don has been practicing law for over twenty years and has acted as lead counsel in over 50 felony trials, which has allowed him to obtain the experience and knowledge necessary to give our clients an edge in the courtroom. Don understands that the successful defense of a case often begins before a complaint is even filed, in either civil or criminal court, because the best solution for litigation is often to avoid the litigation altogether.

When Don commences representation on a matter, he understands that the first step is a thorough evaluation of the charges and the ability to prove the same. Once again, an early victory is often the most satisfying to the client, as he or she may be able to avoid the inevitable stress of litigation or criminal prosecution. Don has acted as lead counsel in several high profile criminal trials, so he is quite accustomed to the demands and pressures faced when all the resources of the government are being marshalled against our clients.

Don operated his own private law office for over ten years before joining Tully Rinckey PLLC. From there, Don has experienced unparalleled success in quickly rising to his present position as Managing

Partner. While success is not always guaranteed, Don strives to ensure that all Tully Rinckey clients are provided excellent representation to achieve the best possible result before any court or agency.

Don is an honors graduate from the Syracuse University College of Law (1992) and received his undergraduate degree from the State University of New York College at Oswego (1987).

Case Victories

Secured a Supreme Court decision dismissing all charges against their client. The client was facing a range of felony charges stemming from a shooting in the City of Syracuse. The client potentially could have spent the remainder of his life in jail for a crime he did not commit. He always maintained his absolute innocence of the crime and the court agreed.

Client was charged with possessing drugs with the intent to sell. We convinced the court this indictment lacked sufficient legal grounds to stand, and the searches leading to it were illegal. Ultimately, the evidence tied to the indictment was suppressed and we secured dismissal of all charges.