



## BRIAN T. COUGHLIN

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Brian Coughlin is an accomplished litigator and community leader. His practice focuses on matters of criminal justice throughout the state of Florida. Coughlin's outstanding legal work has been repeatedly recognized by Super Lawyers and Florida Trend's Legal Elite. He is also listed in The Best Lawyers in America (Corporate Compliance Law and Criminal Defense: General Practice). Coughlin is ranked by his peers at the highest level of professional excellence for legal knowledge, communication skills, and ethical standards.

Coughlin is the President of the Jacksonville Bar Association. He is a former Chairperson of the Florida Bar Professional Ethics Committee. Coughlin serves on the Board of Directors for the Community Hospice & Palliative Care Foundation, the Board of Trustees for Daniel Kids, and is Vice President of the Tom Coughlin Jay Fund Foundation.

Coughlin received his undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan in 2000 and a law degree from the University of Florida in 2003. Coughlin prosecuted criminal matters at the State Attorney's Office in Jacksonville before joining Bedell in 2007. He was named a director of the firm in 2012. His wife, Susie, is a graduate of the University of Michigan and Columbia University. They have three children.



**AREA OF PRACTICE**

- Criminal Defense
- Government Investigations
- Internal Investigations
- Juvenile Delinquency
- Personal Injury/Wrongful Death
- Professional Licensing
- Record Expungements and Sealing
- Student Conduct Defense
- Title IX Defense

**BAR ADMISSIONS**

- Florida, 2004
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Florida
- U.S. Court of Appeals, 11th Circuit

**EDUCATION**

- University of Florida College of Law, Gainesville, Florida, 2003, J.D.
- University of Michigan, 2000, B.S., Political Science

**HONORS & AWARDS**

- The Best Lawyers in America (2019-Present) in the following practice areas: Corporate Compliance Law, Criminal Defense: General Practice  
Florida Trend's Legal Elite  
Florida Super Lawyers (Rising Star: 2011-2017 | Super Lawyers: 2018-2025)  
Martindale-Hubbell AV  
Jacksonville Magazine's Best Lawyers | 2023 (Criminal Defense: General Practice)  
Jacksonville Magazine's Best Lawyers | 2024  
Corporate Compliance Law  
Criminal Defense: General Practice  
Jacksonville Magazine's Best Lawyers | 2025  
Corporate Compliance Law  
Criminal Defense: General Practice

**PAST EMPLOYMENT POSITIONS**

- State Attorney's Office in Jacksonville, Assistant State Attorney

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- Jacksonville Bar Association, President (current)  
Jacksonville Bar Association, Board of Governors  
The Florida Bar, Juvenile Court Rules Committee (2019 - 2025)  
The Florida Bar, Professional Ethics Committee; Chair (2016 - 2017)  
D.W. Perkins Bar Association  
Leadership Jacksonville, Class of 2016  
Daniel Kids, Board of Trustees and Committee Chair  
Tom Coughlin Jay Fund, Vice President and Board of Directors  
Community Hospice & Palliative Care Foundation, Board of Directors  
American Bar Association  
Federal Bar Association, Jacksonville Division  
Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers  
National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers  
The Catholic Lawyers Guild – Diocese of St. Augustine