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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 as Vice President of the Tom Coughlin Jay Fund Board of Directors, Vice Chairperson of the Daniel Kids Board of Trustees, and is a member of the Community Hospice & Palliative Care Foundation Board of Directors.

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

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

- Jacksonville Bar Association, President (2025 - 2026)
- Jacksonville Bar Association, Board of Governors (2017 - 2026)
- 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, Vice Chairperson of the Board of Trustees
- 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