



**Coughlin Duffy** LLP

## ATTORNEY SPOTLIGHT

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### Why did you become a lawyer?

Debating and advocating issues was my favorite part of high school and college. I have a number of lawyers in my family, which exposed me to the profession. That exposure helped me recognize that my interests dovetailed perfectly with what had appeared to me to be substantial aspects of the profession.

### What is your greatest professional accomplishment?

It may not be my greatest accomplishment, but what stands out to me is my first trial. As a junior associate, I was trying medical malpractice cases. Obtaining my first no cause jury verdict for a client is a feeling I will never forget.

### What experience at Coughlin Duffy has been the most rewarding? The most fun?

In the context of the legal marketplace in which we compete, Coughlin Duffy is still a relatively new firm, having only been in existence since 2004. Being part of the growth of the firm and helping to create the strong reputation that we have garnered in the industries that we serve has been very rewarding.

### What is the best advice you ever received? What advice would you give to law students?

There is no substitute for hard work. An attorney cannot succeed on talent alone.

### What is the most fulfilling part of your job?

Working with clients to successfully resolve whatever problems they are facing.

### Tell us a fun fact about yourself.

If I wasn't an attorney, I would want to be a wrestling coach.