



**Coughlin Duffy** LLP



## ATTORNEY SPOTLIGHT

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#### Why did you become a lawyer?

I've always been drawn to reason-based problems and puzzles, and I virtually always assess a conflict situation in terms of the fairness of any given outcome. Becoming a lawyer has allowed me to pursue a career where I can apply that interest and outlook on a daily basis.

#### What is your greatest professional accomplishment?

My greatest professional accomplishment is only part "professional." Following the birth of my first of three sons, I requested and was permitted to work pursuant to a part-time arrangement. I remained part-time for twenty years, before returning to full-time this year. In my pursuit of a modified-hours work arrangement, I feel that I have helped pave the way towards a world where fewer women feel they have to choose between pursuing a legal career and raising a family.

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

I've only been at Coughlin Duffy for five months, so I'm sure my "most" rewarding or fun experience is still on the horizon. So far I've had the "most fun" attending a New York Red Bulls game with my entertaining colleagues. "Most rewarding" has been the speed with which I have come to feel like part of the Coughlin Duffy team – a real testament to the firm's collegial spirit.

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

The best advice I've ever received is to be myself and it's the precise advice I would pass on to law students and young lawyers.

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

The most fulfilling part of my job is intertwined with why I became a lawyer in the first place. It is when I use my analytical skills to contribute to the solving of a thorny issue for a client.

#### Tell us a fun fact about yourself.

Though you'd never know it today, I played for an undefeated, state championship volleyball team in high school (in Durham, North Carolina). I'm also a fanatical follower of Tar Heel basketball, going way back.