

WAYNE E. GOSNELL

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EDUCATION

St. John's University School of Law

University of Delaware

ADMISSIONS

State Bar of New York

U.S. District Courts:

Southern District of New York

Eastern District of New York



Biography

Wayne E. Gosnell is an experienced trial lawyer who specializes in white collar criminal defense matters, complex civil litigation, and First Amendment issues. Wayne regularly litigates criminal and civil cases on behalf of individuals and corporations in federal and New York state courts. His criminal practice includes defending individuals against accusations of securities, tax, wire, and mail fraud; health care fraud; narcotics trafficking; RICO; sexual assault; domestic violence; and other serious crimes. Wayne's civil practice includes representing individuals and businesses in commercial disputes and in connection with federal, state, and regulatory agencies investigations including investigations brought by the SEC, FTC, and the New York Attorney General's Office.

Previously, Wayne worked as a state prosecutor in the Bronx District Attorney's Office and as a federal law clerk to the Honorable William H. Pauley III of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York. As an Assistant District Attorney, Wayne tried numerous jury trials and prosecuted hundreds of felony cases involving robberies, burglaries, kidnapping, conspiracies, and homicides.

Representative Matters

Represented business owner charged with tax evasion in New Jersey and obtained for him a sentence far below the agreed-upon Sentencing Guidelines.

Represented at trial in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York a pain management doctor charged with running what the government claimed was a "pill mill."

Persuaded a New York Supreme Court Justice to dismiss all charges for a businessman charged with stalking.

Represented many small businesses and individuals in criminal tax investigations conducted by the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, the Internal Revenue Service, and various District Attorney's and United States Attorney's Offices.

Obtained a non-jail plea from the New York County District Attorney's Office for a doctor charged with sexually assaulting numerous patients.

Persuaded court to allow a client to enter drug diversion treatment to resolve felony charges without having to plead guilty. The case was later dismissed. Because there was no guilty plea, the client suffered no adverse action by licensing authorities.

Represented employees of an international financial institution in connection with multinational criminal investigations involving failure to maintain appropriate anti-money laundering systems.

Obtained dismissal of all claims in federal court alleging that a major international law firm committed civil RICO and fraud

Highlights

- Board Member of the Child Care Council of Westchester from 2018 to the present.
- Member of the American Inns of Court, Federal Bar Council.
- Member of the Criminal Advocacy Committee for the New York City Bar Association.