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LAW PRACTICE

Andrew J. Turro is a Member of Meyer, Suozzi, English & Klein, P.C.'s Litigation & Dispute Resolution department and of the firm's Employment law practice. Mr. Turro has extensive experience in state and federal appellate and trial litigation, in both the civil and criminal areas. His litigation practice covers a broad range of complex commercial, civil, employment, criminal and labor-related matters, as well as representing attorneys in professional disciplinary proceedings. Mr. Turro has represented large international companies as well as local businesses and individuals. An accomplished litigator, Mr. Turro has represented businesses and individuals, and achieved successful results for his clients in several seminal cases impacting on issues involving landowner liability and challenges to a municipality's tax assessments on environmentally impaired properties, such as Superfund sites. In his employment law practice, Mr. Turro represents clients in a variety of matters including discrimination claims arising under Title VII and Minimum Wage/Overtime claims under the Fair Labor Standards Act and New York State Labor laws. Mr. Turro also provides advice to clients in connection with employment contracts and severance agreements. Mr. Turro also coordinates the *pro bono* program at the Meyer, Suozzi firm. Under his supervision, the firm's *pro bono* program has become involved in a wide range of matters providing legal assistance to numerous local not-for-profit and charitable

Education

Union University, Albany Law School, J.D., 1981
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organizations (i.e., Island Harvest, the Long Island Arts in Education Roundtable, the Nassau County Museum of Art), legal organizations designed primarily to address the needs of persons of limited needs (i.e., Nassau/Suffolk Law Services Committee, Inc. and the Nassau County Coalition Against Domestic Violence), as well as individuals such as families and students with special education needs.

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Before joining Meyer, Suozzi, English & Klein, P.C. in 1987, Mr. Turro served as an Assistant District Attorney in New York County and clerked for the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. At the Manhattan District Attorney's office, Mr. Turro split his time as a felony trial prosecutor and as a member of its Appeals Bureau. As an assistant district attorney, Mr. Turro was responsible for investigating and prosecuting felonies from grand jury presentation through verdict and for the briefing and oral argument of felony appeals in the state appellate courts and of federal habeas cases before the Second Circuit. At the District Attorney's office, Mr. Turro also headed the office's *pro bono* Appellate Program. During his tenure as a federal law clerk at the Fourth Circuit, Mr. Turro worked extensively reviewing civil rights claims arising under Section 1983 and Title VII, administrative determinations of federal agencies, and direct criminal appeals.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

In addition to his work at Meyer, Suozzi, Mr. Turro is an adjunct member of the law faculty of New York Law School where he teaches upper level appellate writing and advocacy courses. Mr. Turro also is the Chair of the Nassau County Board of Ethics, the board that reviews and issues opinions on conflicts of interest and other ethical issues involving county workers. He is a Master of the Nassau Chapter of the distinguished American Inns of Court, meeting on a monthly basis with the state and federal judges, other practitioners and law students to enhance the legal profession. He is a member of the American, New York State, and Nassau County Bar Associations. Mr. Turro also served as Chief Assistant Counsel and Assistant Counsel for Governor Cuomo's Judicial Screening Committee for the Second Department.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & RECOGNITION

Mr. Turro has long been active in civic and community affairs and groups throughout the Long Island area. He is a member of the Nassau/Suffolk Law Services' Executive Committee and Advisory Council. Mr. Turro also sits on the Advisory Board of Island Harvest and is a committee member of the Rockville Centre We Care Fund. He has previously served as Deputy Village Attorney to Rockville Centre and coached in the Rockville Centre Soccer Club and the Rockville Centre Little League. Mr. Turro is a recipient of the Touro Law Center *Pro Bono Attorney of the Year Award* (2004) and of the Nassau/Suffolk Law Services' *Partner in Justice Award*. Mr. Turro is rated "AV Preeminent" by Martindale-Hubbell, the highest level in professional excellence, and he was recognized by L.I. Pulse Magazine in 2010 and 2011 as one of the region's "Top Legal Eagles".

ADMISSIONS

A member of the New York State Bar throughout his legal career, Mr. Turro is also admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court, the United States Court of Appeals for the Second and Fourth Circuit, and the United States District Courts for the Northern, Southern, Eastern and Western Districts of New York.