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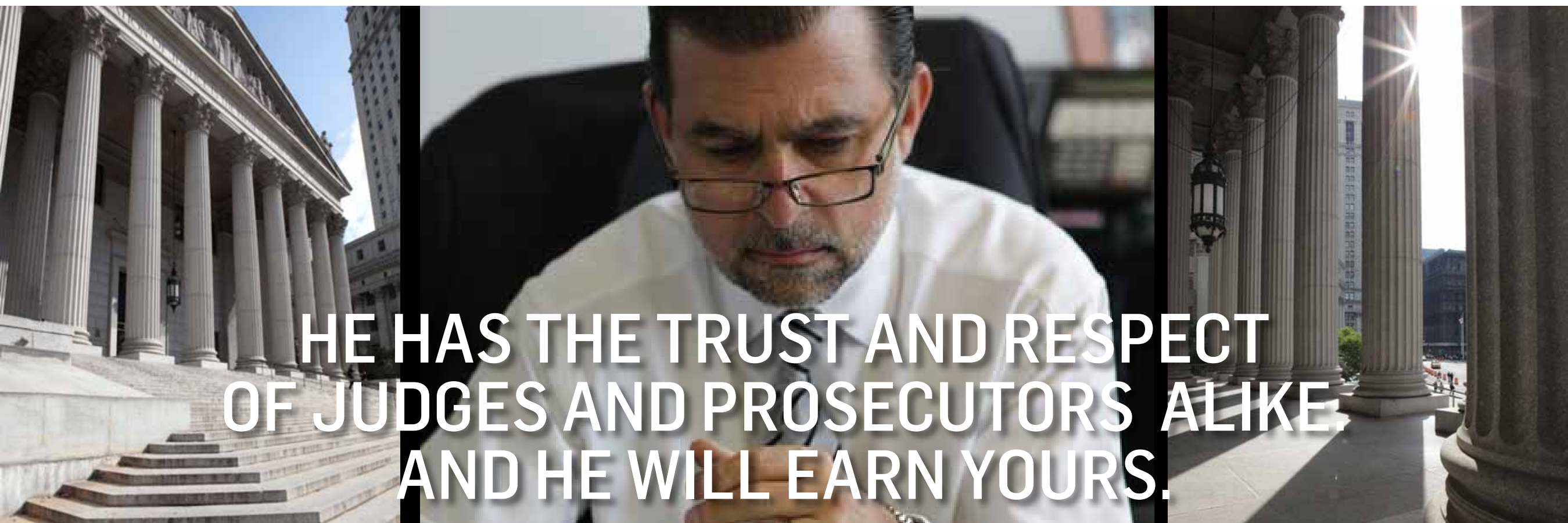
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## In The News

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### Notable Cases *(Each headline clickable for full story >> NC page)*

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**SUCCESSFULLY AVOIDED PROSECUTION OF TEXAS STOCK TRADER**

**SECURED ACQUITTAL FOR BRONX MAN CHARGED WITH MURDER, DESPITE SIGNED CONFESSION**

**SECURED FULL ACQUITTAL IN A SWEEPING WHITE-COLLAR PROSECUTION IN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

**CLIENT ACQUITTED OF THE MURDER OF THE SON OF AN ALLEGED MAFIA BOSS**

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Located in midtown Manhattan the Law Office of James Kousouros, focuses primarily on criminal defense advocacy. As such, Mr. Kousouros and his counsel **handle the full spectrum of state and federal criminal prosecutions.**

These cases include prosecutions for complex securities violations, Medicaid/Medicare and healthcare fraud, pharmaceutical industry fraud, tax fraud, as well as other white-collar crimes. Mr. Kousouros also handles prosecutions for racketeering, homicide, narcotics violations, DWI, domestic violence, simple assault, and all other criminal law prosecutions under state and federal laws.

### All Stages of Representation

As an inherent part of his practice, Mr. Kousouros and his team represent clients in all stages of the criminal process:

- › **pre-arrest investigatory stage**
- › **to grand jury proceedings**
- › **indictment**
- › **plea negotiations**
- › **trial**
- › **all levels of the appellate process — including post conviction litigation and appeals.**

### National and International Presence

Mr. Kousouros appears in state and federal courts throughout the country, as well as international courts. In addition, he represents clients before various regulatory review boards.

### A Commitment to Every Client

James Kousouros' clients have come from every walk of life, and their cases have been of both high notoriety and of little notice. In either case, Mr. Kousouros has demonstrated his commitment to providing an equally vigorous, aggressive and effective defense for each and every one of his clients. Mr. Kousouros accomplishes this by faithfully adhering to his abiding belief that each and every client deserves the best efforts of his team. Indeed, **every client will benefit from the full array of services available for a successful defense** — including private investigators, forensic experts, interpreters, the latest in electronic databases for court documents and case data, and all other necessary professional resources.

In addition, Mr. Kousouros insists on something that's not very common in this field: frequent client contact. This insistence comes from his firm belief that a client's participation in his or her own defense is crucial — not only to ensure that every case is properly and thoroughly investigated, but to ensure that the client fully understands and considers all of the options available. For Mr. Kousouros, the benefits of full client participation are essential to his goal of achieving the best resolution possible.

## An advocate

If you, or someone you know, is facing or fearing a criminal investigation or prosecution, you need a criminal defense attorney you can trust - one who is an expert in the field and an honest and compassionate individual. You need an attorney you feel comfortable talking to, and one who will take the time to educate you in the criminal process. You will also need someone you are convinced will protect you and fight zealously and aggressively for you, **someone you will want to have by your side to see you through the whole process**. James Kousouros honors these qualities, and is committed to providing them to each and every one of his clients.

## Resolutions with you in mind

Mr. Kousouros understands that the fact of a criminal charge alone can be tremendously disruptive for one's personal and family life. He also understands that any disposition, other than acquittal or a significant reduction in the nature and degree of the charge, can impact professional licenses, immigration status and employment. Because of this, **he is exceedingly careful to craft resolutions which will have the least negative effect** on his client's life. That is why both professionals – including attorneys, physicians, pharmacists, financial service providers, and other business people – and non-professionals seek his services when they are charged with a crime or are the subject of a criminal investigation.

## Resources

The Law Office of James Kousouros offers you the benefits of a small firm—a personal, comfortable environment where you don't get lost in a maze—with the same legal resources available to the larger firms—including private investigators, bail bondsmen, forensic experts, interpreters, the latest in electronic databases for court documents and case data, and other necessary professional resources.

What you will receive from James Kousouros is a promise to fight—vigorously, relentlessly, strategically, and effectively—at every stage of your defense. He will use everything at his disposal—his deep knowledge of the law, his thorough command of the intricacies of the criminal justice system, and his familiarity with the theories and tactics of the prosecutors - to develop the strategy that will allow him to take advantage of every opportunity that arises both during negotiations and at trial.

*There were thousands of documents...I was fully acquitted...I got my life back, thanks to you James.*

–LiJing

*My job was in jeopardy...I have my license back and my job back...James helped me get in an alcohol program.*

–Tommy



## What you can expect throughout the process

**Free Consultation** In most cases Mr. Kousouros will provide you with a free consultation, during which he will assess your situation to determine, first, if you need a lawyer, and second, if he is the right one for you. He will spend time reviewing your case and discussing it with you. These will be substantive conversations and not sales pitches. He will ask you to bring your paperwork in or send it to him in advance. If the case is electronically filed he will review it prior to meeting with you.

**What you can expect** An honest and direct appraisal of your criminal case. You will hear what you need to hear in order to make an informed decision that is rooted in the realities of your case—the truth. You will not hear promises nor receive any guarantees of particular outcomes—no lawyer can or should provide such assurances.

**Pre-Arrest** In those cases where the client is under investigation and has not been arrested, Mr. Kousouros will contact authorities to ensure that his client is not questioned unless he is at his client's side. He will review the facts with the client and often commence his own investigation in order to gather evidence to assist in his efforts to prevent an arrest—an outcome he has often achieved. If an arrest is unavoidable, Mr. Kousouros will exercise his best efforts to arrange for a voluntary surrender and spare the client the indignity of a public arrest.

**What you can expect** The benefit of his long established good relationships with both law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies. This is critical in creating an atmosphere to respectfully discuss a client's situation with the authorities *and have them be willing to listen to you.*

**Investigation** Mr. Kousouros will immediately conduct meetings with his client in order to get a full and complete account of who his client is and the circumstances surrounding the criminal charges. Every case involves these two components—the case and the person. If it turns out that the case is too strong, mitigation is often found in the person. *To that end he will take all necessary steps and precautions to ensure that evidence is preserved, leads are investigated, witnesses are located and interviewed, and that all evidence is examined. He will visit the scene because he knows that the physical layout of the scene of an alleged crime is critically important to an effective defense.*

All of these efforts are targeted to the task of identifying both the strengths and the weaknesses in the prosecution's case—a task indispensable to pre-trial hearings, trial preparation and plea negotiations. It is only with this knowledge that an attorney can effectively and meaningfully counsel a client through the criminal process.

**What you can expect** *A complete and thorough investigation targeted to specific circumstances etc. etc.*

**Negotiations** Mr. Kousouros' expertise in the law and mastery of the criminal process, combined with the command of the facts he has achieved through his investigation, place him in a very strong position during plea negotiations. The mutual respect he has cultivated over the years with prosecuting authorities, as well as his professionalism and cordiality, magnify his effectiveness and ensures that he will be poised to obtain the best resolution possible for his client.

**What you can expect** *An advocate who has the respect and ear of adversaries in his field as well as a partner who puts your personal circumstances at the forefront of his negotiations.*

**Pre-trial Motions** Mr. Kousouros will use his considerable experience to strategically navigate the pre-trial process in a manner that safeguards all of his client's rights and best interests. He will assert all standard legal rights of his client in his motion papers, but he will also use his creativity and dexterity to devise novel arguments and positions where appropriate.

**What you can expect** As in all areas of his practice, Mr. Kousouros' motions are of the highest quality and consistently earn the praise of judges and prosecutors alike.

**Trial** Having tried scores of cases in both state and federal courts, Mr. Kousouros has developed and mastered the most effective strategies for all aspects of trial litigation—from jury selection, opening argument, and courtroom presentation to cross examination and closing argument. ([Profile](#)).

**What you can expect** *Experience, expertise and effectiveness.*

**James Kousouros is the founder and principal** of the Law Office of James Kousouros. His career began in 1985 after a coveted clerkship at the Appellate Division, Third Department in Albany, New York where he was responsible for writing draft opinions for the Justices on a wide array of cases. After completing his clerkship, Mr. Kousouros served as an Assistant District Attorney in Bronx County. Thereafter, over twenty-eight years ago, he opened his criminal defense practice. Since then, Mr. Kousouros has handled thousands of criminal matters in the state and federal courts throughout the United States.

### A DISTINGUISHED REPUTATION

Over more than 30 years of practice, Mr. Kousouros has earned a distinguished reputation for providing and maintaining the highest levels of professional and ethical standards. He is also known for his meticulous preparation, and is highly regarded as a fierce and passionate trial attorney. As a result of what has been termed his "exemplary" legal representation, it is Mr. Kousouros' distinct honor to have received the highest of accolades from members of the federal and state judiciary, as well as prosecuting authorities. Indeed, his cross-examinations have been hailed as exemplary—and have even prompted a noted Brooklyn law professor to use a transcript of one as a primary source.

In addition, Mr. Kousouros is highly regarded as a forceful, innovative, and effective negotiator who is always armed with both a full command of the facts of his case, and a creative manifest of all possible legal options. So armed, he enters negotiations with an insightful analysis of the prosecution's evidence. This analysis is tailored to expose the weaknesses in the prosecutor's case, to place his client in a position of strength, and to open the door to novel resolutions. Mr. Kousouros also makes it a practice to maintain strong working relationships with his adversaries. He does this not only because he places a high value on professionalism and respects his adversaries as colleagues, but because he knows that those relationships—together with his reputation as a formidable advocate—translate into better outcomes for his clients.

### SOUGHT AFTER LEGAL EXPERT

Over the years Mr. Kousouros has been sought out as a source for his legal expertise on criminal matters by several different media organizations. Indeed, he has been a commentator on major television networks such as Fox News, Discovery Channel—Investigations, Channel 7 Eyewitness News and CW 11, and is currently a weekly legal commentator on the RNN news show hosted by the Emmy Award winning journalist Richard French. Mr. Kousouros has also been interviewed for his opinion as a legal expert by newspaper organizations such as The New York Times, Journal News, New York Post and Newsday, among others. (Press/Media)



### TEACHING

Visiting professorship at the University of Birmingham, in Birmingham, England, where he delivered the commencement address for the launching of their Center for American Legal Studies. He has also lectured at New York Law School and Brooklyn Law School, as well as at the Queens County Bar Association where he authored and presented a course to assist state practitioners in navigating cases through the federal court system.

### NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL CREDENTIALS

Mr. Kousouros is admitted to practice in all of the federal courts of New York—the Eastern, Southern, Western and Northern Districts—as well as in the Western District of Pennsylvania and the Circuit Courts of Appeals for the First, Second, Fourth and Eleventh Circuits. He has represented clients in the federal courts of Virginia, New Jersey, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Washington D.C., North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Puerto Rico, Texas, Arizona, and California. In addition, Mr. Kousouros has assisted clients in the courts of France, Greece, the Republic of the Philippines, Canada, and Cyprus.

## Notable Cases

### WHITE COLLAR CRIME

#### FULL ACQUITTAL

**In a sweeping white-collar prosecution** in the southern district of New York for criminal copyright infringement. In this federal case, the owner of a toy importing company was accused of importing and selling millions of dollars of copyrighted Nintendo games. The trial involved thousands of pages of documentary evidence and multiple witnesses who testified as to the manner of importation and resale. After the first trial ended in a mistrial, the defendant was fully exonerated at a second trial.

### WITHDRAWAL OF CHARGES

**Following a mistrial, in a large mortgage fraud** matter in the Eastern District of New York. In this case the client was accused, along with her husband, of obtaining millions of dollars in fraudulent mortgages to purchase several properties. Despite a wealth of documentary evidence and an eight-week trial, a hung jury was declared and the prosecution thereafter declined to retry the client.

### AVOIDED THE FILING OF CHARGES

**Represented numerous financial industry clients during the investigatory stage** and in some (MANY???) cases succeeded in.

### NO CHARGES

**Successfully represented a client being investigated for complicity in a billion-dollar tax fraud.** Here the client was an employee of a firm which was alleged to have used questionable interpretations of tax code provisions to shelter gains. The firm was accused of purchasing stock in multiple companies and selling it at a loss in order to offset gains from the sale of tangible assets. After a one and one-half year long investigation, Mr. Kousouros convinced investigators that no charges were warranted.

### NO INDICTMENT

**Successfully represented a Texas client suspected of stock manipulation** in the Eastern District of New York. The client was not indicted.

**SUCCESSFULLY REPRESENTED A SINGAPORE NATIONAL IN MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR COUNTERFEIT** goods conspiracy in the Southern District of New York.

### DRASTICALLY REDUCED SENTENCES

**In a 14 million dollar liquor fraud case in the eastern district, a 32 million dollar cigarette tax case in Virginia, and in various money laundering prosecutions.** In these cases, as well as many others, Mr. Kousouros has successfully argued—with empirical and statistical evidence—that the United States Sentencing Guidelines pertaining to fraud cases significantly over-represent a defendant's criminal liability.

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