Profile Edit

**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**

During his 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 textbook worthy — 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.

**Strong Relationships with Prosecutors**

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 **also** 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*, *The Journal News*, *New York Post* and *Newsday*, among others. (Press/Media)

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