



## Andrew J. Turro

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### Practice Areas

Litigation & Dispute Resolution

Employment Law

Equine & Racing Law

Criminal Defense

Professional Responsibility

### Education

Union University, Albany Law School  
J. D., 1981

University of Chicago  
M.A., 1977

State University of New York at Buffalo  
B.A., 1976  
*magna cum laude*

### Memberships

American Bar Association

New York State Bar Association

Nassau County Bar Association

American Inn of Court, Nassau Chapter, Master

### Admissions

New York State

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second and  
Fourth Circuits

U.S. District Court, Northern, Southern, Eastern,  
and Western Districts of New York

Andrew J. Turro is a Member of Meyer, Suozzi, English & Klein, P.C.'s Litigation & Dispute Resolution Department, Employment Law practice and heads the firm's Equine & Racing Law practice. Mr. Turro has extensive experience in state and federal appellate and trial litigation, in both the civil and criminal areas.

Mr. Turro's equine and racing law practice covers a broad range of matters in which he has represented both individuals (including owners, jockeys, trainers, drivers and breeders) and professional groups such as the Standardbred Owners Association of New York, before the New York State Gaming Commission, and the federal and state courts.

Most recently, in November 2016, Mr. Turro prevailed before the New York State Appellate Division, Third Department, in a challenge on behalf of a race horse trainer, which resulted in the dismissal of the NYS Gaming Commission's entire prosecution that alleged over 1700 drugging violations. Mr. Turro also successfully challenged before the legality and constitutionality of the New York State Racing and Wagering Board's out-of-competition drug testing regulations for Standardbred race horses before the New York Supreme Court. Mr. Turro also serves as legal counsel for racing industry groups including the New York Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association and the Standardbred Owners Association of New York.

Mr. Turro has also represented various trainers, owners and other equine entities in the connection with federal and state labor law issues.

Mr. Turro is a frequent speaker on equine and racing law matters. He regularly lectures on developments in Racing Law at the Albany Law School Saratoga Institute and Conferences on Racing and Gaming Law and at the 2014 Conference. He also has participated in a panel discussion on out-of-competition drug testing laws at the Global Symposium on Racing and Gaming in Tucson, AZ, sponsored by the University of Arizona. In light of his impressive precedent-setting victories. Mr. Turro was also invited on numerous occasions to also participate in the University of Arizona's Race Track Industry Program's Guest Speaker Series where he lectures on legal precedents and recent developments in Racing Law.

Additionally, for the past several years, Mr. Turro has been quoted extensively in equine-related publications including *The Daily Racing Form*, *Harness Link* and *Harness Racing Update*. In 2014, Mr. Turro was named a finalist in *SmartCEO's* ESQ Awards for the Industry Practice: Equine and Racing Law.

In addition to his law practice, Mr. Turro also coordinates the pro bono program at Meyer Suozzi. Under his supervision, the firm's pro bono program has become

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involved in a wide range of matters providing legal assistance to numerous local not-for-profit and charitable 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. In 2013, Mr. Turro was named an Access to Justice Champion by the Nassau County Bar Association for his dedication in providing legal representation on a pro bono basis.

From 2001 through 2012, Mr. Turro also served as a member and the Chairman 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. Mr. Turro is a member of both the Nassau County Bar Association's Ethics Committee and Grievance Committee and previously served as Chief Assistant Counsel to the Governor's Judicial Screening Committee for the Second Department. Since 1995, Mr. Turro also has been an adjunct member of the law faculty of New York Law School where he teaches upper level appellate writing and advocacy courses.

Active in civic and community affairs and groups throughout the Long Island area, Mr. Turro has been a member of the Nassau/Suffolk Law Services' Executive Committee and Advisory Council. Mr. Turro also sits on the Advisory Board of Island Harvest. He previously served as a committee member of the Rockville Centre We Care Fund, as a Deputy Village Attorney to Rockville Centre, and as a coach in the Rockville Centre Soccer Club and the Rockville Centre Little League.

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.

Mr. Turro is rated "AV Preeminent" by Martindale-Hubbell, the highest level in professional excellence. 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. In 2014, Mr. Turro was named a finalist in the *SmartCEO's ESQ* awards for Industry Practice (equine and Racing Law) and in 2016 he was named a "Top 10 Legal Eagle" as one of the top ten attorneys on Long Island.