



PATRICK J. JENNINGS ATTORNEY AT LAW

Since opening his own law practice in 1999 at the age of 34, Patrick J. Jennings has emerged as one of the finest trial attorneys in the State of New Jersey. Mr. Jennings specializes in criminal defense (both general and white collar) and commercial and business litigation.

Mr. Jennings is certified by the Supreme Court of New Jersey as a Civil Trial Attorney. Recently, he was selected as a member of The National Trial Lawyers, Top 100 Trial Lawyers in the State of New Jersey.

For Mr. Jennings, the formula is the same in every case: "From the moment I am retained, I am preparing for trial. Certainly, a trial is not required in every case. However, the best settlements and plea bargains are only obtained through hard, conscientious work and strong trial preparation—without fear that the case may have to be tried. If you believe differently, you are either naïve or kidding yourself. In my estimation, if a lawyer claims to be a 'litigator', but is afraid to try a case, the lawyer is doing the client a disservice and should get out of the litigation arena."

Mr. Jennings has tried jury trials to verdict in both state and federal court.

In 2010, Mr. Jennings secured—after a four month, high profile jury trial—the complete acquittal of Daniel Tunks, a suspected hit man who was charged with murder, conspiracy to murder, weapons possession and insurance fraud, in a case characterized by law enforcement as an "orchestrated professional mob-style execution." In 2009, he obtained, in federal court, the complete dismissal with prejudice of a multi-million dollar action brought by a Plaintiff against his parents for alleged sexual abuse committed against him while he was a child.

Most recently, Mr. Jennings's trial skills were on display when he represented News 12 New Jersey Sports Anchor Bryan DeNovellis in a business dispute. Mr. Jennings obtained a complete dismissal of the claims. Says Mr. DeNovellis: "When Mr. Jennings finished his cross-examination, there was nothing left to Plaintiff's claims. I knew the case was over and I had won."

In addition to holding the coveted Martindale-Hubbell AV Rating, Mr. Jennings has been named to the Martindale-Hubbell Bar Register of Preeminent Lawyers every year since 1998. In addition, Mr. Jennings has been selected to New Jersey Super Lawyers for 2011 and 2012. Mr. Jennings is a former law secretary to the Honorable Kevin M. O'Halloran, former presiding judge of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Bergen County, Chancery Division, General Equity Part.

Regarding his success as an attorney, Mr. Jennings states: "Clients hire lawyers, not law firms. When an individual walks into my office, results are expected. It is my job to ascertain whether the objective is attainable. If so, my function is to execute; to work as hard as I can to deliver the desired result. My job is not to travel the path of least resistance or to recommend that which is convenient or expedient and not in the client's best interest. That is why I am hired; that is why people keep coming back."



Defendant Daniel Tunks is overcome with emotion with his attorney Patrick Jennings after Tunks was found not guilty on all charges.

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