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“Mr. Tacopina is to the defense bar what Donald Trump is to real estate.”
—*The New York Times*

CONSIDERED ONE OF THE MOST HIGH-POWERED DEFENSE ATTORNEYS in America, Joseph Tacopina helms Manhattan-based Tacopina Seigel & Turano, P.C., which focuses on criminal and civil litigation. With offices in New York, New Jersey and Milan, Italy, Tacopina, along with partners Chad Seigel and Stephen Turano, form a trio of elite litigators who are equally skilled trying cases as they are resolving them outside the courtroom. Their firm’s criminal practice specializes in white collar, public corruption, fraud and homicide prosecutions in New York, New Jersey and federal courts throughout the country. The partners have successfully defended police officers, politicians, recording artists and Fortune 500 executives, among others.

Described by *The New York Times* as the “Donald Trump” of New York’s defense bar, former prosecutor Tacopina has skillfully tried over 80 cases, winning nearly all of them. *GQ* magazine called Tacopina “the best-dressed, smoothest-talking, hardest-working criminal-defense attorney going.”

HIGH-PROFILE CASES No stranger to publicity, Tacopina has represented a slew of high-profile clients, including rapper Sticky Fingaz and Thomas Wiese, the only police officer acquitted of the infamous precinct house torture of Haitian immigrant Abner Louima. Seigel and Turano don’t run from the spotlight, either. Turano, together with Tacopina, represented Melanie McGuire, accused of murdering and dismembering her husband. The case landed on *Primetime*, *48 Hours* and *Dateline*, and was covered gavel-to-gavel on *Court TV*. Seigel, along with Tacopina, represents Lillo Brancato, the *Bronx Tale* and *Sopranos* actor charged with murder in a case that is generating nationwide attention. Recently, Seigel and Turano represented the lead defendant in the second-largest federal criminal prosecution in the Western District of New York.

BROAD AREA OF PRACTICE The firm’s practice is not limited to criminal defense—it brings considerable public relations and litigation talents to the civil arena. Tacopina won a settlement for a police officer in a \$5 million lawsuit after fellow officers harassed her for being a lesbian. Tacopina, with his civil partner, prominent personal injury attorney Rosemarie Arnold, represents the estate of Imette St. Guillen in its civil suit against those responsible for the murder of the 24-year-old student. Tacopina and Seigel, together with Arnold, also obtained a dismissal for Joran van der Sloot in a civil suit brought by the family of Natalee Holloway, the teenager whose disappearance in Aruba captured the nation’s interest. The firm’s commitment to representing clients in personal injury and wrongful death cases is unparalleled.

RESPECTED ANALYSTS, RECOGNIZED PROFESSIONALS Media outlets like Court TV, CNN, NBC, ABC, Fox News, CNBC and MSNBC tap Tacopina’s keen insight into the law. He recently served as a special correspondent for *20/20* to investigate the controversial murder prosecution of American exchange student Amanda Knox in Italy. Seigel and Turano are also frequently sought for their legal acumen, headlining on *Court TV*, *Primetime*, *48 Hours* and *E! Entertainment Television*, and lecturing on criminal law and trial advocacy.

Tacopina Seigel & Turano, P.C.’s partners are recognized with honors, including Tacopina’s recent selection as the National Italian American Bar Association’s “Man of the Year,” following the previous year’s honoree, Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia.

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