

Michael F. McAuliffe

Mr. McAuliffe is an attorney in private practice in West Palm Beach, Florida. Mr. McAuliffe counsels clients on a variety of legal issues and has substantial experience in coordinating large investigations and representations in complex litigation matters in federal and state courts. Mr. McAuliffe was a founding partner of Rosenberg & McAuliffe, PL, in 2002. The firm became McAuliffe Law Group, PL, in January 2007.

From 1999 to 2002, Mr. McAuliffe was a partner at Holland & Knight LLP focusing his practice on trial and appellate litigation matters. Specifically, Mr. McAuliffe represented individuals and businesses in pre-litigation counseling matters and in trial and appellate cases.

From 1994 to 1999, Mr. McAuliffe was an Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of Florida. From 1997 to 1999, Mr. McAuliffe was a Supervisory Assistant U.S. Attorney and Section Chief of the U.S. Attorney's Office. Mr. McAuliffe also represented the U.S. Attorney on the National Worker Exploitation Task Force. For example, Mr. McAuliffe successfully prosecuted several members of the World Church of the Creator for a violent assault of a store owner who was targeted because he was Jewish, a Miami-Dade police officer for sexually assaulting drivers he detained, a criminal group that traded food stamps for illegal weapons in Belle Glade and numerous contract guards and employees of a federal halfway house on corruption charges in Miami. In addition, Mr. McAuliffe has prosecuted cases involving drug trafficking, Medicaid fraud, bank robbery, weapons offenses, identity fraud and corporate misconduct.

From 1989 to 1993, Mr. McAuliffe was a prosecutor with the Criminal Section of the Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice, in Washington, D.C. As a prosecutor, Mr. McAuliffe investigated and prosecuted cases involving domestic terrorism, public corruption (including law enforcement misconduct), hate crimes and involuntary servitude. While at the Justice Department, Mr. McAuliffe successfully prosecuted the leader (Grand Dragon) of the Ku Klux Klan and 13 other Klan members in Louisiana on federal hate crime charges. Mr. McAuliffe also successfully prosecuted members of the White Aryan Resistance and Neo-Nazi groups for crimes of violence.

Mr. McAuliffe was an instructor at the National Advocacy Institute of the U.S. Department of Justice and taught appellate advocacy as an Associate Professorial Lecturer in Law at the George Washington University's National Law Center. For the 1993-94 academic year, Mr. McAuliffe was a CEP Fellow and Visiting Professor of Law in the Czech Republic where he helped establish a reform law faculty. Mr. McAuliffe advised the Office of the President and members of the Czech Parliament on criminal law matters.

Mr. McAuliffe earned his BBA, with honors, from the University of Texas at Austin in 1985 and his Doctor of Jurisprudence (JD) from William & Mary Law School in 1989. While at William & Mary Law School, Mr. McAuliffe, with two teammates, won the National Moot Court Competition, the nation's premier law school advocacy competition involving over 220 law schools in the United States.

From 2002 to 2003, Mr. McAuliffe served as Special Assistant State Attorney for Domestic Security for Palm Beach County.

Mr. McAuliffe serves as the vice chair of the Board for the Children's Home Society, South Coastal Division, and is the 2007-08 Co-chair of the Palm Beach Fellowship of Christians and Jews. Mr. McAuliffe provides legal counsel on a *pro bono* basis to several area non-profit organizations. Mr. McAuliffe also is the interim President of the Palm Beach Cancer Institute Foundation.

In May 2006, Mr. McAuliffe successfully climbed Denali which, at 20,320 ft., is the highest peak in North America. In January/February 2005, Mr. McAuliffe successfully climbed Aconcagua which, at 22,843 ft., is the highest peak in South America and the highest peak in the world outside of Asia.

Mr. McAuliffe is married to Robin Rosenberg and together they have three children.