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Timothy M. Donohue is a Partner at Anselmi & Carvelli LLP and specializes in white collar criminal defense. Tim is a deeply experienced trial lawyer with a decades-long track record of successfully defending clients in high-stakes white collar matters, complex federal investigations, and parallel civil and regulatory proceedings. Known for his unshakable courtroom presence and practical instincts, Tim is often called upon by fellow attorneys to step into the most sensitive and challenging situations—when reputations and livelihoods are on the line.

Tim represents clients in matters involving bank fraud, wire fraud, securities fraud, tax evasion, money laundering, RICO, and public corruption. His clients have included high-profile public officials, executives, attorneys, physicians, financial professionals, and other licensed individuals and entities facing scrutiny from federal and state authorities. Whether persuading the government not to bring charges or securing acquittals at trial, Tim is relentless in his pursuit of the best possible outcome for his clients. In many cases, Tim has been able to negotiate significant resolutions—many of them quietly and prior to an indictment.

In addition to his white collar practice, Tim handles complex commercial litigation and serious personal injury cases, and serves as trusted local counsel to governmental bodies and institutional clients.

Tim is a past President of the Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers of New Jersey and a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation. He has been consistently recognized for excellence in his field, including listings in The Best Lawyers in America®, where he was named “Lawyer of the Year” in both White Collar Criminal Defense and Criminal Defense. He has also been selected to New Jersey Super Lawyers® annually since 2006. His accolades include recognition as one of New Jersey’s Top Rated Lawyers and New York Area’s Top Attorneys by Law.com and New York Magazine, respectively. He holds an AV Preeminent® rating from Martindale-Hubbell and has received both the New Jersey State Bar Association’s Professionalism Award and the Distinguished Alumni Award from Seton Hall University School of Law.

Representative Matters

White Collar Criminal Defense, Commercial Litigation

- Represented key figure in federal Bridgegate investigation.erved as co-counsel for plaintiffs in $1B+ quantum meruit claim that settled after more than three weeks of trial in New Jersey state court.
- Obtained not guilty verdict for attorney accused of official misconduct and obstruction of justice after six week jury trial.
- Negotiated PTI and non-custodial sentence for two defendants facing first degree drug charges.
- Convinced state court to quash grand jury subpoena issued to physician accused of possession of assault rifles and illegal weapons, thereby avoiding prosecution.
- Successfully argued before the United States Court of Appeals to reverse a conviction for criminal contempt in a major environmental prosecution.
- Secured summary judgment and dismissal of employment discrimination complaint against mayor of large municipality.
- Obtained not guilty verdict in attempted murder and aggravated assault trial in state court.
- Successfully argued before New Jersey Supreme Court on DWI matter.
- Tried four month trial in federal court involving bank fraud, tax fraud, and money laundering
- Convinced government not to prosecute licensed pharmacist for money laundering and structuring cash transactions
- Successfully argued motion to vacate 25 year sentence of pharmacist based upon constitutional violations.
- Negotiated probationary sentence for distributor of pharmaceutical supplies convicted of $50 million fraud.
- Avoided prosecution of client targeted in federal grand jury investigation for pay-to-play and political corruption.
- Obtained reversal on appeal of defendant's conviction of death by auto.
- Negotiated numerous six figure settlements in personal injury and employment matters

Practice Areas

- Appeals
- Commercial Litigation
- White Collar Criminal Defense & Government Investigations

Education

- Seton Hall University, B.S. *cum laude*, 1980
- Seton Hall University School of Law, J.D., *cum laude*, 1984

Admissions

- State of New Jersey, 1984
- U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey, 1984
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit, 1986
- U.S. Supreme Court, 2005

Clerkships

- Honorable Dickinson R. Debevoise, U.S.D.J. in the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey

Awards

- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America®*
  - "*Lawyer of the Year*," Bet-the-Company Litigation, 2026
  - "Lawyer of the Year," White Collar – Criminal Defense, 2015, 2018
  - Bet-the-Company Litigation, 2026-2027
  - Commercial Litigation, 2006-2027
  - Criminal Defense: General Practice, 2006-2027
  - Criminal Defense: White-Collar, 2007-2027
  - DUI/DWI Defense, 2007-2027
- Listed in *New Jersey Super Lawyers®*
  - White Collar Criminal Defense, 2006-2027
  - Employment & Labor, 2006-2025
  - Business Litigation, 2006-2025
- New Jersey's "*Top Rated Lawyers*," Law.com
  - Commercial Litigation
  - White-Collar Criminal Defense
  - Litigation
- New York Area's *Top Attorneys*, New York Magazine
  - Commercial Litigation
  - White Collar Criminal Defense
- *AV Peer-Review Rated*, Martindale-Hubbell
- *New Jersey State Bar Association Professionalism Award*
- Seton Hall University School of Law "*Distinguished Alumni*" Award
- Seton Hall Law Review, Associate Editor

Professional Activities

- National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
- Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers of New Jersey, President, 2012-2013
- Association of the Federal Bar of New Jersey
- Fellow, American Bar Foundation
- American Bar Association
- New Jersey State Bar Association
- Union County Bar Association
- United States District Court Historical Society
- Seton Hall University School of Law Alumni Association, President, 2007-2008
- Criminal Justice Act Panel Member