



# Anthony S. Cottone

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Anthony (Tony) Cottone is an accomplished trial attorney who has built his career on defending healthcare professionals and organizations in high-stakes medical malpractice litigation. He represents physicians, dentists, healthcare groups, specialized care facilities, and national hospital systems across a wide range of disciplines, including orthopedics, obstetrics, neurology, oncology, and long-term care. Known for his strategic advocacy and deep knowledge of the healthcare industry, Tony is trusted to protect both the reputations and livelihoods of those who provide essential medical services to our communities.

Beyond malpractice defense, Tony's practice extends to professional board investigations, commercial disputes, general liability matters, and appellate advocacy. His work has earned recognition throughout Virginia and beyond—he was named a "Go To Lawyer" in Medical Malpractice Law by Virginia Lawyers Weekly (2022) and honored as Legal Elite in Civil Litigation by Virginia Business Magazine (2023).

Tony is also a recognized leader in the field. He has served as the Chair of the Professional Liability Defense Federation's Healthcare Committee and Chair of the Virginia Association of Defense Attorneys' Medical Malpractice Section, where he frequently writes and speaks on cutting-edge healthcare and litigation issues. He is currently a Board Member at Large for the Virginia Association of Defense Attorneys. His publications include in-depth analyses on medical malpractice caps, provider liability, and evolving standards in patient safety and risk management.

With a reputation for excellence in the courtroom and leadership in professional organizations, Tony combines sharp litigation skills with a commitment to advancing the defense bar and supporting the healthcare professionals he represents.

## REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Orthopaedics;
- spinal surgery;
- obstetrics & gynecology;
- dentistry; oral and maxillofacial surgery;
- general surgery; pediatric medicine;
- podiatry; infectious disease;
- neurology; radiology; oncology;
- urology; nephrology;
- gastroenterology;
- endocrinology;
- occupational medicine;
- long term care and skilled nursing;
- intellectual and developmental disability care;
- correctional medicine; nursing;
- and advanced practice professionals



## PUBLICATIONS

- Virginia's Medical Malpractice Cap: History, Challenges and Comparative Analysis | June 2021
- Virginia COVID19 Work Place Safety Rules Now in Effect | July 2020
- Duty of Mental Health Providers to Warn and/or Protect Third Party Victims: The Tarasoff Standard | The Professional Liability Defense Quarterly | Vol 12 | Issue 1 | 2020

## PRESENTATIONS

- COVID-19 Legal Update: November 11, 2021
- Risk Management: Managing Patient Expectation and Improving Patient Communication
- Interpreting the Virginia Department of Labor and Industry Emergency Temporary Standard for COVID-19: July 31, 2020
- Medical Malpractice Law and Litigation

## DISTINCTIONS AND AWARDS

- Selected as "Go To Lawyer" in Medical Malpractice Law by Virginia Lawyers Weekly – 2022
- Recognized as "Legal Elite" in Civil Litigation by Virginia Business Magazine - 2023

## PRACTICES

- Medical Malpractice Defense
- Dental Malpractice
- Board Investigations and Hearings
- Commercial Liability
- General Liability
- Appellate Advocacy

## LICENSURE

- New Jersey
- Pennsylvania
  - United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania
  - United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania
  - United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania



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  - U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

## ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS

- Widener School Of Law, JD, 2012 Cum Laude
- Syracuse University, BS, Communication and Rhetorical Studies, Political Science, 2005

## ASSOCIATIONS AND PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Virginia Association of Defense Attorneys
  - 2024-Present – Regional Director At Large
  - 2023 Medical Malpractice Committee Chair
  - 2022 Medical Malpractice Section Vice-Chair
- Professional Liability Defense Federation
  - 2023-2025 – Healthcare Committee Chair