

# Renowned Criminal Defense Attorney Patrick Megaro wins post-conviction relief for client

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ORLANDO, FLORIDA, UNITED STATES, June 30, 2018 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The criminal defense law firm of [Halscott Megaro](#) PA announced that attorney [Patrick Megaro](#) has won a Post-Conviction Relief Petition for his client [Altariq Coursey](#). Mr. Coursey was charged on September 24, 2012, by an Essex County grand jury and was convicted after a jury trial and sentenced to 22 years with 11 of those years' ineligibility for parole.

Once Mr. Coursey was sentenced, Patrick Megaro, Esq. filed an appeal on his client's behalf. However, the New Jersey Appellate Division affirmed the conviction, but noted that Mr. Coursey could challenge his conviction with a Petition for Post-Conviction Relief on the grounds of ineffective assistance of counsel.



Patrick Megaro, Criminal Defense Attorney

Mr. Megaro filed a Petition for Post-Conviction Relief in the Essex County Superior Court in 2016. Mr.

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*Patrick Megaro, Criminal Defense Attorney*

Megaro reviewed the case and stated “Mr. Coursey’s prior attorney committed several unprofessional errors, that had they been corrected at the time of the trial there is reasonable probability, that the result of the proceeding would have been different.”

On June 4, 2016, the Essex County Superior Court granted post-conviction relief, and ordered the State to give Altariq Coursey a new trial, tossing out his convictions.

Mr. Megaro went on to add, “we are very pleased with the decision from the Superior Court of New Jersey. They considered our petition for Post-Conviction Relief and it was

GRANTED.”

The term Post-Conviction Relief refers to a law or court rule that allows a collateral challenge to a

judgment of conviction which has otherwise become final in the normal appellate review process. Post-conviction relief is governed by federal and state laws, which vary by state, and may be used to preclude state or federal habeas corpus.

Attorney Patrick Megaro received both his Bachelor's Degree and Law Degree from Hofstra University. He is also the recipient of the Leon Stern Award (2002). Mr. Megaro has had several articles published and has made numerous appearances on national media such as the "Today Show" and "Happening Now" on the Fox News Channel. - The underlying case can be found at <https://law.justia.com/cases/new-jersey/appellate-division-unpublished/2015/a2624-13.html>. A press release from the Essex County, New Jersey, Prosecutor's Office can be found at <http://www.njecpo.org/?p=1879>.

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