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Tom Caruso is the Term Law Clerk for Judge Glenn Suddaby of the United States District Court for the Northern District of New York. Caruso is also a reservist in the US Navy JAG Corps. His previous active duty assignments include Legal Assistance Department Head for RLSO MIDLANT Det. Groton, Staff Judge Advocate (SJA) for Naval Special Warfare Group THREE in Pearl Harbor, HI, SJA for Submarine Squadrons ONE and SEVEN, SJA for Naval Station Norfolk, VA, and trial counsel and defense counsel in Norfolk, VA. A tireless advocate for veteran rights, Caruso co-founded the Betty and Michael D. Wohl Family Veterans Legal Clinic, the first comprehensive veterans legal clinic in New York State.

The Wohl Family Veterans Legal Clinic is now one of the premier veteran legal clinics in the country.

Caruso is passionate about non-profit work and serves on Boards for the United Way of the Mohawk Valley, Anita's Steven Swann Humane Society, and Syracuse University College of Law's Alumni Association. He previously served as the Vice Chair of the American Bar Association's (ABA) Military and Veterans Health Law Task Force, Chair of the Veterans Committee of the Syracuse University Alumni Association Board, and Adviser to the Dean of the College of Law on Veteran Programs.

A Utica, NY, native and a graduate of the University of Notre Dame (B.A., 2010), Caruso is a joint degree graduate from the College of Law and Maxwell School (summa cum laude) and has clerked for the New York State Supreme Court in Oneida County. His previous awards include the ABA's Outstanding Military Attorney of the Year, Onondaga County's Pro Bono Service Award, and Region Legal Service Office Mid-Atlantic's Junior Officer of the Year.