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Practice

Litigation

Bob is a Co-Chair of Stevens & Lee New England. For more than 35 years, he has handled complex litigation in federal and state courts and arbitration matters throughout the U.S.

His diverse trial practice includes trusts and estates fiduciary litigation, shareholder litigation, health care litigation, construction litigation and intellectual property litigation. As a business lawyer, he also routinely handles litigation arising from M&A transactions and is a strategic advisor to clients on insurance coverage and risk mitigation. Bob has served as lead trial counsel for clients across the country, including in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York, Connecticut, Maine, Arizona, Illinois, New Jersey, California, Texas and Florida

Bob advises trustees, shareholders, chief executives and boards of directors on fiduciary obligations and business litigation strategy. His clients have included fiduciaries and beneficiaries of trusts and owners of privately held businesses, including technology and manufacturing companies, as well as financial services companies and health care entities.

Bob is certified as an arbitrator by the American Arbitration Association. He is an adjunct professor of advanced business law at Providence College, Ryan School of Business.

Experience

- After an 11-day trial in Superior Court, successfully defended trustees against fiduciary claims and obtained an award of both executor and trustee compensation
- After a four-day trial, obtained an order removing a trustee from his fiduciary responsibilities
- After a nine-day arbitration, successfully defended a boat manufacturer against claims of fraud, defect and products liability arising out of the manufacture of three large passenger ferries

- Successfully prosecuted to settlement on the eve of trial claims on behalf of an international technology client arising out of a failed SAP global ERP implementation
- Granted summary judgment obtaining appraisal

Recognition

- Ranked in *Chambers USA*, Litigation: General Commercial, Rhode Island
- Recognized by *Best Lawyers in America*, Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Health Care, Litigation – Insurance, Litigation – Intellectual Property, Litigation – Mergers and Acquisitions and Litigation – Securities, Rhode Island, 2006-Present
- Named by *Best Lawyers in America* as a “Lawyer of the Year,” Litigation – Intellectual Property, Providence, 2019
- Recognized in *Super Lawyers*, Business Litigation, Providence, 2007-Present
- Named a “Top 100” trial lawyer by the National Trial Lawyers Association, 2012
- Named a “Litigation Star” by *Benchmark Litigation*
- Named an “IP Star” by *Managing Intellectual Property* magazine

Affiliations

- Chesterton Academy of Our Lady of Hope, Board Member
- Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Co-Trustee and Finance Committee Member
- Rhode Island Bar Foundation

Education

- Suffolk University Law School, J.D., *cum laude*
- Providence College, B.A., *cum laude*

Bar Admissions

- Rhode Island
- Massachusetts

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts
- U.S. District Court for the District of Rhode Island
- U.S. District Court for the District of Connecticut
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit
- U.S. Tax Court