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Bob leads a national practice serving a range of corporate and individual clients in complex and high-stakes litigation involving commercial, tort, contracts, administrative and intellectual property claims.

He provides strategic advice on management decisions affecting litigation and he counsels clients on related business matters. Over the years, he has represented:

- banks
- cannabis companies
- commercial real estate owners and developers
- government contractors
- insurance carriers
- investment companies
- manufacturers
- medical practices
- museums
- nonprofit organizations
- political organizations
- retailers
- software technology companies

Bob litigates claims before the courts of the District of Columbia, Maryland, and other states, as well as administrative agencies, federal district courts nationwide and various appellate courts. He also guides clients in arbitrations and mediations and works extensively with expert witnesses in different matters and disciplines.

His track record includes wins and favorable settlements for clients involved in major commercial contract disputes, medical practice controversies, mass disaster torts, and consumer protection claims. He is also well versed in disputes involving the False Claims Act, cannabis licensing, senior executive compensation agreements, and in representing government contractors in management and commercial contract claims.

Bob previously managed the nationwide defense of all single-plaintiff employment litigation matters for a national retail company. His intellectual property cases have involved trademark defense, generic pharmaceuticals, medical devices, industrial monitoring systems and computer diagnostic systems, among others.

Services

- Litigation
- Labor & Employment
- Retail Industry
- White-Collar Criminal Defense & Regulatory Compliance
- Cannabis Law

Before Fox Rothschild

Prior to joining Fox Rothschild, Bob was a member of the business litigation group at a national law firm.

Beyond Fox Rothschild

Bob has served as the Chair of the Board of Directors of the Falls Church Homeless Shelter and as a board member and committee chair of the John Austin Cheley Foundation, a national non-profit that provides scholarships to adventure summer camps for those in need.

Bar Admissions

- District of Columbia
- Maryland

Court Admissions

- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Federal Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, District of Columbia
- U.S. District Court, District of Maryland
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas

Education

- Duke University School of Law (J.D., *with honors*, 1983)
- Princeton University (A.B., *summa cum laude*, 1980)

Memberships

- America Bar Association
 - Litigation Section
 - Intellectual Property Section
- District of Columbia Bar Association
 - Litigation Section
- Maryland Bar Association
 - Litigation Section

Representative Matters

- Representation of a 160-physician medical practice organization in commercial and employment claims, physician separation disputes, contract disputes, and related litigation
- Defense of a museum in an action asserting civil rights and tort claims related to museum security procedures

- Defense of a national nonprofit advocacy organization in an action asserting contract claims related to primary election consulting contracts, resulting in favorable settlement
- Obtained dismissal of trademark infringement and contract claims against web-based retailer for lack of personal jurisdiction
- Obtained dismissal of Delaware class action on behalf of national retailer defendant in a wrongful death and personal injury case involving thousands of workers injured in a foreign factory building collapse
- Successful trial defense of a national document management company in claims arising from storage facility building collapse
- Defense of national retailer in District of Columbia consumer protection action alleging misrepresentations in corporate social responsibility statements
- Trial of a cannabis company's administrative claims over denial of licensing
- Defense of multiparty shareholder derivative action challenging stock option valuation in Delaware Chancery Court, resulting in negotiated buyout of dissident shareholders
- Defense of False Claims Act allegations in cases for a government contractor, a medical billing company, and a national office supply distributor, resulting in two dismissals of all claims and one favorable settlement
- Trial defending a government contractor against claims by former senior executive asserting ownership of equity interests in company
- Defense of honey producers and packers in consumer protection and class action claims relating to alleged deceptive labeling on food products. Defenses include issues of federal preemption, primary federal jurisdiction and the reasonable and ordinary meaning of certain labeling terms, including "natural" and "pure"
- Defense of rail track circuit component manufacturer in multimillion-dollar damage claims resulting from multiple fatality Metro train accident in the District of Columbia
- Defense of complex damage allegations and personal injury claims in separate matters against environmental consulting company and electric utility service company involving alleged toxic chemical exposure and electrocution injuries
- Prosecution of breach of trade secret action against former president of generic pharmaceutical company resulting in significant settlement payment to company
- Defense of government contractor clients in actions alleging multimillion-dollar breaches of employment agreements by former executives
- Retention as an expert witness on reasonable attorney's fees in defamation action between two physicians in D.C. Superior Court
- Arbitration trial defending attorney's fee claim against District of Columbia law firm resulting in complete defense verdict
- Representation of the FDIC and the Resolution Trust Corporation on a variety of matters, including contract claims, employment disputes, asset sales and professional liability claims involving the directors of a failed savings and loan, and has supervised a series of professional liability investigations involving allegations of insider and contracting fraud
- Representation of a national association of state government agencies on attorney-client and work product discovery disputes and in defense of breach of contract claims