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Overview

Robert is a business litigator and white-collar criminal defense counsel for companies and individuals being investigated and prosecuted in New Jersey.

His cases involve high-stakes disputes, requiring skillful navigation to protect business operations and individual freedoms. A former federal and state prosecutor, Robert served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney and Special Counsel to the U.S. Attorney for the District of New Jersey, where he led a violent-crime task force and prosecuted complex federal cases. That experience in addition to serving as an Assistant Prosecutor in Bergen County gives him a first-hand understanding of how prosecutors and law enforcement agencies evaluate evidence and make charging decisions. It also provides him with a unique perspective to challenge proofs and expose weaknesses in prosecutors' cases.

Today, Robert applies his experience and perspective to defend businesses and individuals, including licensed professionals facing criminal charges, government scrutiny, and regulatory exposure. His practice spans Litigation and White Collar and Criminal Defense.

Litigation

Robert represents both businesses and individuals in commercial disputes, civil rights actions, and complex criminal defense matters in federal and state courts. His work spans contract and shareholder litigation, appellate practice, and high-stakes criminal cases.

Selected litigation highlights

- Secured dismissal of False Claims Act case | Federal Court, 2025 | Preserved business viability while resolving government claims.
- Secured favorable settlement of False Claims Act case | Federal Court, 2024 | Preserved business viability while resolving government claims.
- Represented Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers of New Jersey | New Jersey, 2024/2025 | Defended attorneys' right to practice law free from unsupported criminal charges.
- Achieved resolution in contested civil rights matter | State Court, 2023 | Reduced exposure and allowed

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entity to focus on operations.

White Collar & Investigations

Robert advises corporations, licensed professionals, and individuals in investigations, compliance, and enforcement. He has appeared before federal and state regulators, licensing boards, and law enforcement agencies. Clients rely on him for internal investigations, representation in disciplinary matters, and crisis response.

Representative criminal matters include:

- Securities fraud, tax evasion, and money laundering
- Healthcare fraud, anti-kickback, and insurance fraud
- Mail and wire fraud, public corruption, and bribery
- Violent crimes, narcotics offenses, firearms violations, and cybercrimes
- Sensitive cases involving professional licensing, child endangerment, and computer-based offenses

Selected enforcement highlights

- Obtained dismissal of threatened disciplinary action | State Licensing Board, 2023 | Preserved professional license and avoided collateral consequences.
- Negotiated resolution of government audit | Federal Agency, 2022 | Closed review with no formal charges or penalties.
- Conducted internal investigation for public entity | 2021 | Implemented remedial measures and enhanced governance practices.

Prior results do not guarantee a similar outcome.

The Bottom Line

Robert is committed to guiding clients through their most difficult moments with steady advocacy and clear judgment. Whether defending against charges, negotiating with regulators, or resolving business disputes, he works closely with clients to protect their rights, preserve their livelihoods, and move forward with confidence.

Professional Affiliations

Essex County Bar Association

- President, April 2012 – April 2013
- Officer, April 2008 – April 2013
- Trustee, April 2005 – 2008
- Criminal Practice Award, recipient April 2019
- Chair, Long Range Planning Committee, January 2019 – present
- Chair, Due Diligence Committee 2014 – 2018
- Member since 1998

New Jersey State Bar Association & Foundation

- Essex County Trustee, 2021 –
- Chair, Judicial & Prosecutorial Appointments Committee, 2023-2024
- Nominating Committee, 2015 – 2017
- General Council Committee, 2014 – 2015
- Member since 1998

Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers of New Jersey

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- President-Elect 2026
- Officer, 2022 –
- Trustee, 2015 – 2018, 2021
- Member 2005-2018, 2021 – present

Awards

Scouting America "Good Scout" award (2026)

***Best Lawyers in America*® list (since 2018)** Criminal Defense: General Practice and Criminal Defense: White-Collar

Super Lawyers list (2009, 2015 – 2018, 2022 – current)

Publications

- *Claims Against Public Entities and Employees*, New Jersey Local Government Deskbook, New Jersey Law Journal 2005
- *Advocating Without Vouching in Summation*, New Jersey Association of Justice, November 2011
- *Understanding the Defense Counsel's Role*, New Jersey Association of Justice, April 2013
- *Effective Cross Examination*, New Jersey Association of Justice, April 2015
- *Effective Direct Examination*, New Jersey Association of Justice, April 2016
- *How to Save Your Company from Criminal Prosecution*, New Jersey State Bar Association, May 2016
- *Handling the Media in the High-Profile Case*, Essex County Bar Association, October 2016
- *Inside the United States Attorney's Office*, New Jersey State Bar Association, May 2019
- New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police, Presentation of U.S. Attorney General's Awards for Distinguished Service on Policing, June 2019
- *Creating an Organizational Culture of Safety and Wellness* (opening remarks), BJA Valor Program, September 2019
- *U.S. Law Enforcement Agencies*, Rutgers University, Center on Policing, October 2019

Areas of Practice

- White Collar and Criminal Defense *(Co-Chair)*
- Healthcare

Admission

- New Jersey
- United States District Court for the District of New Jersey
- United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- United States Supreme Court
- Supreme Court of New Jersey, 1993

Education

- Seton Hall University School of Law, J.D., 1993
- Rider College, B.S., 1989

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Speaking Engagements

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