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A seasoned trial lawyer and former federal prosecutor and federal law clerk, Robert brings a strategic results drive approach to complex disputes, distilling difficult issues to craft clear, compelling narratives that position clients for the best possible outcome.

Overview

A former federal prosecutor and accomplished trial lawyer, Robert brings more than two decades of experience handling complex, high-stakes disputes. His practice focuses on criminal defense, internal investigations, and sophisticated commercial litigation, where he represents individuals and companies facing significant legal and reputational risk.

Robert served for nearly 14 years as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Eastern District of New York. There, he investigated and prosecuted a wide range of complex financial crimes, including wire and bank fraud, money laundering, tax evasion, bribery, embezzlement, and campaign finance violations. He served in multiple supervisory roles, most recently as Deputy Chief of the Public Integrity Section, overseeing investigations involving corruption by government and elected officials and others entrusted with the public's trust. Robert also investigated and prosecuted matters involving racketeering, organized crime, murder, Hobbs Act robbery and controlled substances.

Robert is an accomplished courtroom advocate, having served as lead or second chair in nearly 20 federal jury trials. His trial experience includes securing convictions in high-profile matters, including the prosecution of a senior New York City Department of Education official for bribery tied to tens of millions of dollars in government contracts, and a complex financial case involving more than \$70 million in money laundering and tax evasion.

Clients rely on Robert's ability to distill complex facts and legal issues into clear, compelling narratives that resonate with judges and juries. He maintains a sharp focus on the issues that matter most, developing practice, results-driven strategies in both investigations and litigation.

Earlier in his career, Robert was an associate in the business and securities litigation group at Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP, where he handled civil securities fraud actions, breach of contract disputes, corporate governance matters, and bankruptcy-related litigation, including work on large, multi-party restructurings and adversary proceedings, including Lehman Brothers.

He also served as a law clerk to the Honorable Raymond J. Dearie, Chief United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York.

Education

- St. John's University School of Law, J.D. *magna cum laude*
- Cornell University, B.S.

Government Service

- Clerkship, Chief Judge Raymond J. Dearie, Eastern District of New York
- Assistant United States Attorney, Eastern District of New York

Admissions

- New York
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York