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Services

Commercial / Corporate Litigation, Corporate Governance & Shareholder Disputes, Environment & Land Use, Director & Officer Liability, Trusts, Estates & Fiduciary Litigation, Health Care, Health Care Litigation, Health Care Compliance, Health Care Business, Governance & Transactional,

Rob is the senior member of the firm's litigation group with over 45 years of experience in all areas of trial practice, including jury and non-jury trials, arbitrations, and mediations.

Rob specializes in complex business, healthcare, and securities litigation. He has successfully tried numerous jury trials including complex breach of contract disputes, business tort claims, securities fraud cases, real estate and construction claims, corporate governance and other business organization disputes, statutory and constitutional tort cases, negligence and medical malpractice claims, employment discrimination suits, and the defense of white collar criminal prosecutions.

In addition, due to his experience with both the business and legal aspects of the health care industry, Rob often assists clients in the health care field to proactively address business and legal concerns. Rob also serves as an arbitrator for the National Futures Association and the American Health Lawyers Association (AHLA) Dispute Resolution Service.

Publications

- Health Care: Helpful Hints – September 2018
- *Doctor's Life*: "HIPAA Violations: What are the Risks?"
- *Doctor's Life*: "Social Media: A Brief Legal Framework"
- *Birmingham Medical News*: Meaningful Compliance Equals Sound Financial Management
- Burr Alert: Compliance Deadline for New HIPAA Rules Is Rapidly Approaching

Education

J.D., University of Florida, (1972)

B.A., Political Science with Certificate in Latin American Studies, University of Florida, (1968)

Licensed In

Florida

Honors & Awards

- Professionalism Award in The Practice of Law Thirteenth Judicial Circuit (Tampa/Hillsborough County, Florida) (2018)
- Herbert G. Goldberg Award (Highest Award Given by the Hillsborough County Bar Association Trial & Litigation Section) (2015)
- Michael A. Fogarty Memorial "In the Trenches" Award for Excellence in Civil Litigation, Hillsborough County Bar Association (1999)
- James M. McEwen Memorial Award given by the Tampa General Hospital Foundation (1989)
- Martindale-Hubbell™ AV Preeminent Peer Review Rating
- *Best Lawyers in America*, Commercial Litigation (2014-2021), Environmental Law (2013-2021), Health Care Law (2019-2021)
- *Florida Super Lawyers*, Business Litigation (2006-2020)

Professional Associations

American Bar Association

Hillsborough County Bar Association

American Health Lawyers Association

The Florida Bar

C.H. Ferguson - M.E. White American Inn of Court

Florida Justice Association (Florida Trial Lawyers)

Federal Bar Association

Community Involvement

President, Tampa Bay Chapter of the Federal Bar Association (1991)

Chairman, The Florida Bar's Committee on Judicial Nominating Commissions (1979)

Chairman, Judicial Nominating Commission for the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit of Florida (1982-86)

President, Tampa-Hillsborough County Drug Abuse Comprehensive Coordinating Office (a nationally recognized not for profit drug abuse education and prevention program) (1980-1984); Board Member (1979-2020)

Chairman, Board of Trustees, Hillsborough County Hospital Authority (Tampa General Hospital) (1988-1991); Board Member (1984-1992)

President, Hillsborough County Bar Foundation (2013-14); Board Member (2012-2020)

President, C.H. Ferguson - M.E. White American Inn of Court (2014)

Experience

- Tried a complicated insider trading/securities fraud case against the Securities and Exchange

Commission. After a three-week jury trial, our clients were completely exonerated.

- Represented a prominent local business man who was falsely jailed by police officers employed by a large Florida municipality. We sued the city in Federal court under 42 USC § 1983 for violating our client's civil rights. After a week-long Federal Court jury trial our client was awarded significant damages and his attorneys' fees.
- Represented a bank president in a federal criminal case that resulted in an acquittal of all but one count. On appeal, that lone conviction was reversed, resulting in a total acquittal of our client.
- Represented an independent practice association of physicians in their claim for breach of contract and various business torts against a national insurance company. This resulted in a \$3 million arbitration award.
- Represented a corporate executive/shareholder in a lengthy trial that was the result of a contest for corporate control. Achieved a multi-million dollar verdict for our client.
- Represented a cardiology group in the negotiation and sale of their cath lab to one of our local hospitals.
- Successfully represented a national company in a patent infringement case in federal court that resulted in a verdict of willful infringement of our client's patent.
- Defended a large primary care physician group in a medical malpractice case. After a two-week trial, the jury rendered a complete defense verdict.
- Defended a local business man charged with criminal embezzlement. After a one-week trial, the jury found our client not guilty on all charges.
- Represented a large hotel chain that was accused of religious discrimination under Title VII. After a lengthy jury trial, our client was totally exonerated.
- Represented a large compounding pharmacy in a federal civil and criminal fraud investigation which was resolved very successfully for the client.
- Represented a large physician practice group in the negotiation and sale of their practice to a national healthcare multispecialty network.
- Represented a large convenience store chain in connection with environmental damage claims. At the conclusion of a two-week jury trial the Defendant agreed to settle the case on very favorable terms for our client, the Plaintiff.

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