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Bob represents trustees, debtors, equity committees, secured and unsecured creditors, receivers and asset buyers and litigants in various insolvency proceedings, including informal out-of-court workouts. His clients range from health care, telecommunications, manufacturing service providers, to those in the real estate, retail, transportation, and financial services sectors. Bob served as the fee examiner in *the City of Detroit, Michigan* Chapter 9 case, and has acted as a fee examiner in other bankruptcy cases. As a bankruptcy mediator, he regularly handles a range of traditional two-party matters, including preference, fraudulent conveyance, and automatic stay disputes, as well as broader plan mediations involving all of the significant parties in interest in the case.

Bob was selected as a fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy in 1998, and served as the Seventh Circuit's representative on the College Board of Regents and as a member of the College's Board of Directors. He was president, chairman, and vice president of education of the American Bankruptcy Institute, and in 2018, he received the ABI's Lifetime Achievement Award. He has been recognized by *Chambers USA* for Bankruptcy and Restructuring, Illinois, and *Best Lawyers* for Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights and Insolvency and Reorganization Law in Illinois.

Bob earned his J.D. from George Washington University School of Law in 1979. He earned his B.A. from the University of Illinois in 1976.

Practice Areas

- Appellate
- Bankruptcy, Insolvency & Restructuring
- Financial Services

Education

- George Washington University School of Law, J.D., 1979
- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, B.A., 1976

Bar Admissions

- Illinois
- New York

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit
- U.S. District Court -- Central District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court -- Eastern District of Wisconsin
- U.S. District Court -- Minnesota
- U.S. District Court -- Northern District of Florida
- U.S. District Court -- Northern District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court -- Southern District of New York

Affiliations

American Bankruptcy Institute

American Bar Association, Business Bankruptcy Committee, Secured Creditors and U.S. Trustee subcommittees, Litigation Section, Bankruptcy Litigation Committee

American College of Bankruptcy, Fellow

Chicago Bar Association

Illinois State Bar Association, Commercial, Banking and Bankruptcy Law Section Council

National Association of Credit Managers-Oregon, Inc., Bankruptcy and Insolvency Group

National Association of Legal Fees Analysis

George Washington University Law Alumni Association, Board of Directors

Awards & Honors

- Chambers USA for Bankruptcy/Restructuring

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- Illinois (2019-2020)
- Best Lawyers, Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights and Insolvency and Reorganization Law in Illinois (2019-2020)
- "Nation's Top Bankruptcy Fee Examiner" by the National Association of Legal Fee Analysis (2016-2019)
- Lifetime Achievement Award, American Bankruptcy Institute (2017)
- Super Lawyers for Bankruptcy (2005-2020)
- Martindale Hubbell, AV Rating
- "Illinois Leading Lawyer" by the Law Bulletin Publishing Company (2018)

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