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Profile

Bob is chair of the firm's property department and chair of the firm's environmental and energy practice.

He assists industrial, commercial, institutional and municipal clients to resolve New York State and federal regulatory compliance and enforcement concerns. A significant aspect of Bob's practice involves counseling clients regarding air pollution control requirements, such as permitting and new source review, and in developing strategies to ensure compliance with requirements imposed by the federal Clean Air Act. In addition, he also counsels clients regarding (1) site development issues and environmental reviews under the State Environmental Quality Review Act, (2) petroleum and chemical substance issues, including remediation, (3) safety and health issues, (4) the environmental aspects of real property and business transactions, and (5) environmental litigation matters.

Honors & Affiliations

- Listed in:
 - *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Environmental Law, 2013-2025 (listed for more than 10 years)
 - Lawyer of the Year (Syracuse), Environmental Law, 2016
 - *Chambers USA* 2024, Environmental – Upstate New York
 - *New York Super Lawyers*®, Environmental, 2023
- American Bar Association, Section of Environment, Energy and Resources
- New York State Bar Association, Environmental and Energy Law Section, Executive Committee; Co-Chair of the Air Quality Committee
- Member, Former Officer and Former Director, Central New York Chapter of the Air & Waste Management Association

Representative Presentations

- Lautenberg Chemical Safety Act / EPA Update, New York State Chemical Council 2017 Annual Policy and Legislative Meeting, January 24, 2017
- Navigating Environmental Due Diligence: Legal Considerations, New York State Commercial Association of Realtors, 2016

Education

- Albany Law School (J.D., *cum laude*, 1993)
- Hartwick College (B.A. 1986)

Bar/Court Admissions

- New York
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of New York
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of New York

Practices

- School Law
- Municipalities
- Manufacturing
- Higher Education
- Toxic Tort and Environmental Litigation
- Property
- OSHA
- Environmental and Energy

- Legal Perspective: Emerging EHS Issues, MACNY Safety & Environmental Health Council, 2015
- Outgreening for Economic Advantage, Strategies Beyond NetZero, Central New York Air & Waste Management Association, 2011
- What Every Lawyer Should Know About Climate Change Law and Sustainability, In-Firm Presentation, 2009
- Regulatory Approvals, Implications & Economic Development Incentives for Renewable Energy, Rochester/Genesee Finger Lakes Region Task Force, 2009

Representative Publications

- "Obtain Financial Assistance to Install Solar and Wind Energy Systems," *Central New York Business Journal*, May 2, 2014

Other Activities

- Advisory Board Member, Onondaga Lake Conservation Corps
- Former President, Board of Directors, Contact Community Services, Inc., 2009-2012
- Former President, Board of Directors, Mental Health Association of New York State - CNY Chapter, 2010-2012
- Former Member, Board of Directors, Onondaga Historical Association, 2004-2012
- Former Board of Trustees, Albany Law School of Union University National Alumni Association