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Rob has a wide ranging business litigation practice that includes representing corporate, municipal and financial institutions, and medical equipment companies in a variety of forums, including Massachusetts state and federal courts, bankruptcy courts, administrative agencies, arbitrations and mediations. Rob is the chair of the firm's Bankruptcy and Municipal Law departments.

Representative matters include:

- Public records recovery and computer forensic evaluation
- Representation of secured creditors, debtors and licensees in the Bankruptcy Court
- Substantial recoveries for Massachusetts municipalities and financial institutions
- Defeating class certification in a bankruptcy litigation matter for a financial institution
- Special counsel to municipalities in environmental litigation
- Successful defense of directors and officers in a fraud claim
- Successful representation of construction companies in bid protests and construction disputes

Prior to joining Tarlow, Breed, Hart & Rodgers, Rob was a Partner at the law firm of Hinckley, Allen & Snyder LLP. Rob was also a Senior Associate at the Boston law firm of Sullivan & Worcester, LLP.

Bar and Court Admissions

Massachusetts Bar

Texas Bar

United States District Courts for Massachusetts

United States District Courts for Northern District of Texas

United States Appeals Court for the Fifth Circuit

United States Supreme Court

Memberships

American Bar Association

Massachusetts Bar Association

Fellow, Massachusetts Bar Foundation

Texas Bar Association

Achievements

- IAMERS President's Award for Excellence, 2009, 2005 and 1999
- Selected as a Fellow of the International Municipal Lawyers Association, 2005 - 2010
- Brandeis University Charles Napoli Award, 2005
- Named a Massachusetts Super Lawyer by *Boston Magazine*, 2004 thru 2009

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Additional Information

- Faculty Member, 2010 ABI Northeast Summer Conference on Bankruptcy Evidence and 2010 Northeast Consumer Forum
- Co-Chair, 2007-2009, Business Law Section Council of the Massachusetts Bar Association
- Joint Bar Committee on Judicial Appointments, 2007 - 2009
- MBA House of Delegates (2007-CSTCA; 2009 Business Law Section Council)
- Co-Chair, 2004-2005, In-House Counsel Group, MBA Business Law Council.
- Rob currently serves on the Executive Board of the City Solicitor/Town Counsel Association of Massachusetts, is a past President (2007-2008), and served as Chair, Special Subcommittee to Develop Budget and Long Term Business Plans (2007).
- Rob is general counsel to IAMERS, a medical equipment trade association (1994-2009).
- Rob served as President of the Friends of Brandeis Athletics for four years.

Education

B.S., Brandeis University, *cum laude*, 1978

J.D., Northeastern University School of Law, 1982

Presentations / Publications

Rob is a frequent lecturer and participant in continuing legal education programs. A partial list of programs is provided below:

Recovering & Preserving Public Records in the Age of Electronic Documents, MCLE Municipal Law Conference, March 18, 2010

Update on Massachusetts Wage Act, Sixth Annual In-House Counsel Conference: Doing Business in Troubled Times, Newton, MA, December 10, 2008

Bid Protests and Practical Tips, CSTCA Annual Meeting, Trial Practice Program, Northampton, MA, October 24-26, 2008

Municipal Landfill Issues and Resolutions, IMLA Annual Meeting with Kerry Ryan, Esq., Las Vegas, NV, September 14-17, 2008

Municipality as a Creditor in Bankruptcy, 2008 Update, MCLE Massachusetts Municipal Law, Chapter 26

Admissibility of Electronically Stored Evidence with Michael Dominick, MCLE Municipal Law Conference, March 5, 2008

Dealing with Technology and Evidentiary Issues, CSTCA Annual Meeting, November 2007

Update on the FDA Legislative Developments, IAMERS Annual Meeting, Charleston, SC, April 2007

Top Ten Focus Areas for the Maintenance of Sound Municipal Finance with John Finnegan, MCLE Municipal Conference, 2007

Talking Trash More Than You Want to Know About Landfill Host Community Agreements with Kerry Ryan, CSTCA Monthly Meeting, Framingham, MA, May 25, 2007

A Practical Guide to the Bankruptcy Law Amendments of 2005, MBA Co-Chair with Fred Grant, 2005

Bankruptcy Law Update for the Municipal Lawyer, CSTCA, Framingham, MA, February 2005

Rendering Counsel to Non-Profits in the World Post-Sarbanes Oxley, MBA Second Annual In House Counsel Conference, Dedham, MA 2004

Professional Responsibility and Ethics, MBA, Newton, Program Participant, 2004

Professional Responsibilities in the Context of Troubled Companies, MBA Program on Recent Developments in the Wake of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, Boston, MA 2003

Brownfield's: Putting Dirty Property Back on the Tax Rolls, CSTCA, Annual Meeting with EPA, DEP and Attorney General Faculty, Williamstown, MA September 19, 2003