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About Robert

Robert represents individuals and entities in litigation matters in state and federal court, with a focus on professional liability defense and risk management consultation, product liability, commercial and coverage litigation, and complex general liability defense. He serves many industries, including law and accounting firms, insurance brokerages, engineering firms, insurance companies, drug and medical device manufacturers, and closely held businesses. Well-versed in all phases of litigation, he handles claims of malpractice, negligence, wrongful death, bad faith, defamation, breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duty, civil conspiracy, and fraud.

Previously, Robert counseled governments and quasi-public authorities on issuing tax-exempt and taxable debt, as well as institutional investors and indentured trustees in workouts and restructurings. Prior to entering the legal profession, Robert served as assistant senate clerk in the New Hampshire State Senate and worked as deputy director of a New Hampshire political action committee.

Areas of Focus

Industries: Healthcare; Insurance; Manufacturing; Professional Services

Services: Appellate; Complex Commercial Litigation ; Litigation & Trial

Initiatives: Lawyers for the Profession®

Experience

- Obtained a favorable settlement in \$100 million defamation suit on behalf of a leading national law firm client.
- Achieved dismissal of \$5 million workers' compensation claim against a construction company in a complex litigation.
- Recovered \$800,000 settlement for minority shareholder in a closely held business dispute.
- Facilitated settlement while serving as monitoring counsel to a tower of insurers in a legal malpractice case with potential exposure in the hundreds of millions.
- Obtained voluntary dismissal of wrongful death action brought against medical device manufacturer.
- Won summary judgment for national accounting and auditing firm in contribution suit brought by a Boston law firm facing \$20 million legal malpractice claim related to ERISA withdrawal liability advice.

Recognition

- *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch*, Commercial Litigation, 2021 – 2025
- New England School of Law, Valedictorian; *New England Law Review*, Editor-in-Chief; Dean Arthur E. MacLean Award for Academic Excellence; Dean's Award; New England Scholar Award

Credentials

Education

New England Law | Boston (formerly New England School of Law), JD, *summa cum laude*, 2012
Saint Anselm College, BA, *cum laude*, 2006

Bar Admissions

Massachusetts
New Hampshire

Interests

Community/Civic Activities

- Penn's Hill Neighborhood Association, Inc., Treasurer and Board of Directors, 2015 – 2023

Thought Leadership

Presentations

- Co-Presenter, "The Paper Chase: Effective Legal Research & Brief Development," Hinshaw University, CLE Webinar, June 19, 2025

- Moderator, “Behavioral Legal Ethics: The Impact of Social and Cognitive Biases on Attorney Decision-Making,” Hinshaw’s 24th Annual Legal Malpractice & Risk Management Conference (LMRM), Chicago, Illinois, March 6, 2025
- Panelist, “Legal Ethics Lessons Learned from Fictional Attorneys,” Spring 2024 National Legal Malpractice Conference, American Bar Association (ABA), New Orleans, Louisiana, April 4, 2024
- Moderator, “Closing the Deal: Drafting and Enforcing Settlement Agreements,” Hinshaw’s 23rd Annual Legal Malpractice & Risk Management Conference (LMRM), Chicago, Illinois, March 7, 2024
- Moderator, “What is Fee-sible? Splitting Fees with Other Lawyers and the Pitfalls to Avoid,” Hinshaw’s 22nd Annual Legal Malpractice & Risk Management Conference (LMRM), Chicago, Illinois, March 8, 2023
- Co-Presenter, “What Not To Do: Ethics Lessons Learned From Fictional Lawyers,” Nebraska State Bar Association CLE, Webinar, June 21, 2022
- Moderator, “Litigating Through Technology in the COVID Era: How the Medium Affects the Process,” Hinshaw’s 21st Annual Legal Malpractice & Risk Management Conference (LMRM), Chicago, Illinois, March 2, 2022

Publications

- Co-Author, “Regulation of the Legal Profession in the United States: Overview,” Thomson Reuters *Practical Law*, June 2021
- “When Your Best Friend Is Your Worst Enemy: How 18 U.S.C. §1519 Transforms Internal Investigations into State Action and Unexpected Waiver of Attorney-Client Privilege,” *New England Law Review*, July 2012

Event

- Robert Buchholz and Matthew Henderson Recently Conducted an Interactive Presentation on Attorney Ethics and “What Not To Do”, Jun 21, 2022

In The News

- Hinshaw Authors Updated Practical Law Q&A Guide on Regulation of the Legal Profession, Jun 11, 2021

Lawyers for the Profession® Alerts

- Defendant’s Due Process Rights Violated When Counsel’s Remote Technology Prevented Meaningful Participation in Trial, Jan 24, 2022
- According to the California Court of Appeals, An Attorney’s Failure to Disclose Lack of Professional Liability Insurance Renders Fee Division Agreement Unenforceable, Feb 17, 2020
- According to Tenth Circuit, “Continuous Representation” Doctrine Does Not Toll Legal Malpractice Statute of Limitations Under New Mexico Law, Jan 17, 2020
- Wisconsin Court of Appeals Holds Judge’s Undisclosed Facebook Friendship with Litigant is Objectively Bias and Violates Due Process, Mar 13, 2019

- Florida Court Holds Insurer Lacks Standing to Sue Defense Counsel for Legal Malpractice, Mar 1, 2019

Lawyers' Lawyer Newsletters

- So, You Made a Mistake. Do You Need to Tell Your Client?, March 2025
- Fee Sharing Between Lawyers Under ABA Rule 1.5(e): How to Protect Yourself and the Client, May 14, 2024
- The Lawyers' Lawyer Newsletter - Recent Developments in Risk Management - December 2019 Edition, Dec 19, 2019
- The Lawyers' Lawyer Newsletter - Recent Developments in Risk Management - Halloween 2019 Edition, Oct 31, 2019
- The Lawyers' Lawyer Newsletter - Recent Developments in Risk Management - April 2019 Edition, Apr 25, 2019

Press Releases

- 105 Hinshaw Lawyers Recognized in 2025 Editions of Best Lawyers in America and Ones to Watch, Aug 15, 2024
- 101 Hinshaw Lawyers Recognized in 2024 Editions of Best Lawyers in America and Ones to Watch, Aug 17, 2023
- Eighty-Seven Hinshaw Lawyers Recognized in 2023 Editions of Best Lawyers in America and Ones to Watch, Aug 18, 2022
- Sixty-Seven Hinshaw Lawyers Recognized in 2022 Edition of Best Lawyers, Aug 19, 2021
- Hinshaw Announces Election of 16 Partners In Nine U.S. offices, Jan 4, 2021

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