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ROB IS A MEMBER OF THE FIRM AND PRACTICES IN THE AREAS OF BUSINESS LITIGATION, ADMINISTRATIVE AND REGULATORY LAW, AND ELECTION LAW.

Rob has represented clients before the South Carolina Supreme Court and other levels of state and federal courts and has appeared before many local and state government entities.

He has handled complex constitutional and election law matters, as well as a wide range of business disputes. His election law experience includes representing candidates, county election commissions, political parties, and other stakeholders in election-related litigation. Rob frequently appears before local government councils, boards, and commissions on matters ranging from procurement to annexation.

During the 2020 Census cycle, Rob, as co-counsel for the South Carolina Senate, defended the Congressional redistricting plan at the trial court level and through the appeal to the United States Supreme Court. Rob also represented numerous local government entities in redistricting matters. He and other Robinson Gray attorneys have represented many clients over the last two redistricting cycles.

Rob has extensive experience in government law, ranging from handling regulatory complaints before state agencies to serving as counsel for a South Carolina state agency. In 2024, he was appointed to the South Carolina Governor's Insurance Law Review and Study Committee, which developed recommendations for the South Carolina General Assembly aimed at strengthening the state's business climate.

A South Carolina Certified Mediator, Rob regularly volunteers his time to assist with small claims mediations in magistrate court. He has also served as a hearing officer for numerous school districts in teacher employment disputes.

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Administrative & Regulatory
- Business Litigation
- Election Law
- Probate and Estate Litigation

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REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Represented local governments in developing and implementing their redistricting of council districts.
- Represented governmental entities in litigation involving their redistricting plans.
- Represented candidates in election disputes, including litigation stemming from elections.
- Represented candidates and party committees in campaign finance related issues.
- Represented state agency as counsel on all aspects of the agency's responsibilities.

RANKINGS AND RECOGNITION

- *South Carolina Lawyers Weekly* Leadership in Law Awards Lawyer of the Year (2018)
- *South Carolina Lawyers Weekly* Leadership in Law Honoree (2018)
- Best Lawyers in America
 - Commercial Litigation (2019-2026)
 - Administrative/Regulatory Law (2021-2026)
 - Litigation-Trusts and Estates (2021-2026)
 - Lawyer of the Year (2023)
- South Carolina Super Lawyers
 - Government Relations (2024-2026)
 - Civil Litigation – Defense (2022-2023)
- *Columbia Business Monthly* Legal Elite of the Midlands
 - Government – Relations (2023)

PUBLICATIONS AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Panelist, "AI and Local Elections," University of South Carolina Joseph F. Rice School of Law's AI And Elections Symposium (2024)
- Moderator, 'Hot Button Evidentiary Issues in South Carolina's Courts,' South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys' Association Annual Meeting (2022)
- [ELECT Blog: Election Law Essays on Current Topics](#)
- "Qualifications for Coroners," S.C. Association of Coroners (March 2018)
- "Legal Challenges to State Redistricting Practices," Rotary Club of Five Points (February 2018)
- "[The Election Process](#)" SC Lawyer (September 2016)
- "Redistricting — should I stay or should I go?" MASC Uptown (October 2011)
- "Tweeting and Friending and Following....Oh My!" SCDTAA The Defense Line (Vol 38 Number 2 — Summer, 2010)

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT



Professional

- American Bar Association
 - Member, Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice Section (2009-2015)
- Richland County Bar Association
- South Carolina Insurance Review and Study Committee
- University of South Carolina School of Law
 - Professor, Election Law (2020-present)
- South Carolina Bar
 - House of Delegates (2008-present)
 - Chair, Government Law Section (2008-2010)
 - Former Member, Professional Responsibility Committee
 - Former Member, Practice & Procedure Committee
 - Former Member, Administrative & Regulatory Committee
- Federal Bar Association
 - Member, Litigation Committee
- South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys' Association
 - Board of Directors (2013-present)
 - Chair, Legislative Committee
 - Speaker/Breakout Leader, Trial Academy
 - Presenter, Annual Meeting
- South Carolina Administrative and Regulatory Law Association
- Supreme Court of South Carolina Certified Mediator

Community

- Leukemia Society, Light the Night Walk
 - Recognized as Outstanding Volunteer (2014, 2015)
- Richland County School District One
 - Former Commissioner (2006-2012)
- Shandon United Methodist Church
 - Youth Sunday School teacher
 - Confirmation Mentor
 - Former Committee Chair, Council on Ministries
- South Carolina Chamber of Commerce
 - Member, Education & Workforce Committee

CREDENTIALS

Bar Admissions

- South Carolina Bar
- Mississippi Bar

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the District of South Carolina
- U.S. District Court of Mississippi
- U.S. Supreme Court

Education

- University of Mississippi School of Law, J.D. (1987)
- University of Tennessee, B.A. (1983)

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