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Practice Areas

- Complex Litigation & Dispute Resolution

Education

- B.A., English, Philosophy Minor, University of North Carolina, 1993
- M.F.A., Brooklyn College, 1996
- J.D., University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2003

Memberships

- Pennsylvania Bar Association
- Allegheny County Bar Association (Court Rules Committee and LGBT Rights Committee)

Robert is a Career Associate in Orrick's Global Operations Center in Wheeling, West Virginia, where he is a member of the Complex Litigation & Dispute Resolution Group. Robert's practice at Orrick focuses on defending product liability, mass tort, and toxic tort litigation.

Prior to joining Orrick, Robert was a Senior Associate in the Pittsburgh, PA office of the global law firm Reed Smith LLP and a Senior Attorney at Houston Harbaugh, P.C., also in Pittsburgh. At Reed Smith and Houston Harbaugh, Robert represented clients in a wide range of complex commercial litigation, with a focus on product liability, mass/toxic tort defense, and commercial contract disputes, including insurance coverage matters. Robert has represented numerous companies in environmental, toxic tort, and asbestos litigation on a national level. Robert also has represented both policyholders and insurers in insurance contract litigation. He has extensive experience litigating complex matters in state and federal courts, as well as alternative dispute resolution.

Robert has maintained an active pro bono practice throughout his career. Robert graduated from UNC Law with Pro Bono Honors for volunteering over 100 pro bono hours during law school, including work for the ACLU and the Center for Death Penalty Litigation. Robert has represented domestic violence victims in hearings to obtain protection from abuse orders and represented a prisoner in a pro bono civil rights jury trial in federal court in Pennsylvania.

Publications

- "Federal Jurisdiction in Declaratory Judgment Actions Involving Insurance," *DRI for the Defense*, October 2017 (co-author).
- "New York Court Narrowly Construes 'Final Judgment' Language in Fraud Exclusion," *Policyholder Perspective*, July 2015 (co-author).
- "Beware of Gaps in Your Cyber Risk Policy - Are You Covered in the Event of an Insider Attack or Data Breach?," *Policyholder Perspective*, October 2014 (co-author).
- "Cyber, Data-Security Liability Claims: Coverage Under Traditional Lines of Insurance," *Advisen Front Page News*, September 2014 (co-author).
- "A Director's Loss By Any Other Name: Is It Disgorgement? Or Just a Typical Settlement?," *Legal Times*, Vol. XXX, No. 9, Feb. 2007 (co-author).

Admissions

- West Virginia
- Pennsylvania

Court Admissions

- **United States District Courts** | Southern District of West Virginia
- **United States District Courts** | Western District of Pennsylvania
- **United States Courts of Appeals** | Third Circuit
- Supreme Court of Pennsylvania