

Robert V. Williams

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“There is no substitute for hard work.”

Rob Williams’s practice includes complex business, healthcare, and securities litigation. He has successfully tried numerous jury trials including complex breach of contract disputes, business tort claims, securities fraud cases, real estate and construction claims, corporate governance and other business organization disputes, statutory and constitutional tort cases, negligence and medical malpractice claims, employment discrimination suits, and the defense of white-collar criminal prosecutions.

Leveraging his experience with both the business and legal aspects of the health care industry, Rob assists healthcare clients proactively to address their business and legal concerns. Rob also serves as an arbitrator for the National Futures Association (NFA) and the American Health Lawyers Association (AHLA) Dispute Resolution Service.

Rob has over 50 years of experience in all areas of trial practice, including numerous jury and non-jury trials, arbitrations, and mediations. That experience has taught him to address even the smallest detail by involving himself totally in his client’s case. His singular goal is to obtain the best result possible for his client.

Away from the office, Rob spends as much time as he can with his family, is an avid skier, and enjoys playing both golf and tennis with friends and clients. Rob is also an instrument rated private pilot.

Rob earned his J.D. from the University of Florida and his B.A., in Political Science with a Certificate in Latin American Studies, from the University of Florida.

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CAPABILITIES

Commercial Litigation

Corporate Governance & Shareholder Disputes

Environmental

Director & Officer Liability

Trusts, Estates, & Fiduciary Litigation

Health Care

Health Care Litigation

Health Care Compliance

Health Care Business, Governance & Transactional

White Collar Crime

EDUCATION

J.D., University of Florida Levin College of Law

B.A., University of Florida

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Experience

- Tried a complicated insider trading/securities fraud case against the Securities and Exchange Commission. After a three-week jury trial, our clients were completely exonerated.
- Represented an independent practice association of physicians in their claim for breach of contract and various business torts against a national insurance company. This resulted in a \$3 million arbitration award.
- Represented a corporate executive/shareholder in a lengthy trial that was the result of a contest for corporate control. Achieved a multi-million dollar verdict for our client.
- Represented a cardiology group in the negotiation and sale of their cath lab to one of our local hospitals.
- Successfully represented a national company in a patent infringement case in federal court that resulted in a verdict of willful infringement of our client's patent.
- Defended a large primary care physician group in a medical malpractice case. After a two-week trial, the jury rendered a complete defense verdict.
- Represented a large hotel chain that was accused of religious discrimination under Title VII. After a lengthy jury trial, our client was totally exonerated.
- Represented a large physician practice group in the negotiation and sale of their practice to a national healthcare multi-specialty network.
- Represented a large convenience store chain in connection with environmental damage claims. At the conclusion of a two-week jury trial the Defendant agreed to settle the case on very favorable terms for our client, the Plaintiff.
- Represented a prominent local business man who was falsely jailed by police officers employed by a large Florida municipality. After successfully defending the underlying arrest, we sued the city in Federal court under 42 USC § 1983 for violating our client's civil rights. After a week-long Federal Court jury trial our client was awarded significant damages and his attorneys' fees.
- Represented a bank president in a federal criminal case that resulted in an acquittal of all but one count. On appeal, that lone conviction was reversed, resulting in a total acquittal of our client.

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- Defended a local business man charged with criminal embezzlement. After a one-week trial, the jury found our client not guilty on all charges.
- Represented a large compounding pharmacy in a federal civil and criminal fraud investigation which was resolved very successfully for the client.

Honors & Recognition

- Outstanding Lawyer Award, Hillsborough County Bar Association (2022)
- Named, *Chambers USA*, Healthcare (2021-2023)
- Professionalism Award in The Practice of Law Thirteenth Judicial Circuit (Tampa/Hillsborough County, Florida) (2018)
- Herbert G. Goldburg Award (Highest Award Given by the Hillsborough County Bar Association Trial & Litigation Section) (2015)
- Michael A. Fogarty Memorial "In the Trenches" Award for Excellence in Civil Litigation, Hillsborough County Bar Association (1999)
- James M. McEwen Memorial Award given by the Tampa General Hospital Foundation (1989)
- Martindale-Hubbell™ AV Preeminent Peer Review Rating
- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Commercial Litigation since 2014, Environmental Law since 2013, Health Care Law since 2019, Litigation - Health Care since 2022, Corporate Law since 2023
- *Florida Super Lawyers*, Business Litigation since 2006

News

- Best Lawyers® 2024 Honors 242 Burr Attorneys, Including 17 "Lawyers of the Year"
Firm News, 08.17.2023
- 18 Burr Attorneys Named 2023 Florida Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
Firm News, 06.27.2023
- 61 Burr & Forman Attorneys Ranked in 2023 Chambers USA
Firm News, 06.01.2023
- 63 Burr & Forman Attorneys Ranked in 2022 Chambers USA
Firm News, 06.03.2022
- 19 Burr & Forman Attorneys Named 2021 Florida Super Lawyers and Rising Stars
Firm News, 06.24.2021

Articles

- Health Care E-Note March 2022
Articles / Publications, 03.16.2022
- Health Care E-Note January 2022
Articles / Publications, 01.25.2022

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- *Doctor's Life*: "HIPAA Violations: What are the Risks?"
Articles / Publications, 11.05.2015
- *Doctor's Life*: "Social Media: A Brief Legal Framework"
Articles / Publications, 07.07.2015
- *Birmingham Medical News*: Meaningful Compliance Equals Sound Financial Management
Articles / Publications, 06.12.2014

Blog Posts

- The SEC's Telling Enforcement Shift
Securities Litigation, 01.23.2015
- The Limits of SLUSA Preemption
Securities Litigation, 04.19.2014

Civic Activities

- President, Tampa Bay Chapter of the Federal Bar Association (1991)
- Chairman, The Florida Bar's Committee on Judicial Nominating Commissions (1979)
- Chairman, Judicial Nominating Commission for the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit of Florida (1982-86)
- President, Cove Behavioral Health (formerly DACCO Behavioral Health) (a nationally recognized not for profit drug abuse education and prevention program) (1980-1984); Board Member (1979-present)
- Chairman, Board of Trustees, Hillsborough County Hospital Authority (Tampa General Hospital) (1988-1991); Board Member (1984-1992)
- President, Hillsborough County Bar Foundation (2013-14); Board Member (2012-present)
- President , C.H. Ferguson - M.E. White American Inn of Court (2014)

Professional Activities

- American Bar Association
- Hillsborough County Bar Association
- American Health Lawyers Association
- The Florida Bar
- C.H. Ferguson - M.E. White American Inn of Court
- Florida Justice Association (Florida Trial Lawyers)
- Federal Bar Association