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ADMISSIONS

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EDUCATION

Villanova University School of Law
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YEAR JOINED

1998

OVERVIEW

Robert is the Managing Attorney for the Workers' Compensation Department in the firm's Philadelphia office. He has developed his practice exclusively in the area of workers' compensation litigation and has represented large, self-insured entities and third-party administrators in all manner of workers' compensation matters. While doing so, Robert has been awarded an AV® Preeminent™ rating by Martindale-Hubbell. He has also lectured before various organizations on topics related to workers' compensation.

Robert's interest in politics has overlapped with his work in the field of workers' compensation. He was appointed to the Administration's Committee promulgating the proposed rules to administer Act 57. On that committee, he helped draft the regulations which ultimately implemented the Act 57 amendments. Robert was also elected to the South Harrison Township (New Jersey) Committee in 2011 and continues to serve in this capacity. From 2007-2011, he served on the township's Planning and Zoning Board.

Prior to beginning his legal career, Robert served in the United States Marine Corps. He was decorated five times during his service and was honorably discharged in 1987. Following his military service, Robert graduated from Western Connecticut State University and went on to receive his *juris doctor* from Villanova School of Law.

An avid photographer, Robert is also a licensed commercial drone pilot.

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

Attorney's Fees for a Frivolous Appeal: An Old Cloak Gets a New Owner

Philadelphia - Headquarters

Workers' Compensation

June 1, 2015

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Avoiding Pitfalls Inherent to the Use of Bureau Forms, RSKCO, Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania, August 2000

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"Killing Constituents: The Current Status of the Utilization Review Process," *Defense Digest*, Volume 18, No. 1, March 2012

"Losing Sight of Act 44 -Judicial Rollback of Legislative Medical Savings," *Defense Digest*, March 2008

MILITARY SERVICE

United States Marine Corp, 1983-1987

RESULTS

Landscaper's injury claims terminated.

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February 16, 2022

We successfully handled a landscaper's claim of a work-related low back injury. The claimant gave an inconsistent account of how his injury occurred, and when he gave notice. The defense presented five fact witnesses from the employer, two of whom testified the claimant never gave notice, and three of whom testified he told them he was going to fabricate this Workers' Compensation injury because he wouldn't be entitled to unemployment compensation benefits at the end of the season. Coincidentally, the testimony revealed the claimant did not receive unemployment compensation benefits.