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Fordham University School of Law
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University of Miami (B.S.B.A.,
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HONORS & AWARDS

The Best Lawyers: Ones to
Watch®, Mass Tort
Litigation/Class Actions –
Defendants and Product Liability
Litigation – Defendants
2024

New York Metro Super Lawyers
Rising Star
2020-2023

OVERVIEW

Robert is a member of the Casualty Department where he focuses his practice on representing clients in the areas of product liability, labor law, education law and toxic tort. Robert manages a voluminous caseload from inception through resolution by handling all aspects of case management including discovery, witness depositions, retention of experts and investigators, motion practice, settlement negotiation and trial, providing constant communication directly to clients and insurers.

Prior to joining Marshall Dennehey, Robert worked for two national litigation firms, specializing in product liability and toxic tort defense.

Robert earned his *juris doctor* from Fordham University School of Law in 2015. At Fordham, he was a member of the Fordham Journal of Corporate & Financial Law and was also a member of the Fordham Sports Law Forum. While attending law school, he gained valuable experience working as an intern at the Brooklyn District Attorney's Office and at a civil litigation firm. In 2012, Robert earned his Bachelor of Business Administration from the University of Miami, with concentrations in Legal Studies and Sports Administration. He is a member of the American Bar Association, New York Bar Association and licensed to practice law in the State of New York.

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

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American Bar Association

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RESULTS

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Asbestos & Mass Tort Litigation March 23, 2022

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SIGNIFICANT REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

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