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Bob is recognized as one of the country's foremost authorities on antitrust, consumer protection, and trade regulation law. He possesses unparalleled experience in counseling, litigation, and regulatory investigations in the field, and he is co-author of the definitive treatise on unfair trade practices and antitrust legal practice.

A Partner in the firm's Litigation Department and Co-chair of the firm's Antitrust and Consumer Protection Practice Group, Bob's experience includes class actions and representing clients in both federal and state courts and before the Federal Trade Commission, the Antitrust Division of the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), and offices of state attorneys general and state consumer protection agencies throughout the U.S.

Bob leverages more than two decades of experience as the Assistant Attorney General in charge of antitrust and consumer protection in Connecticut, where he litigated numerous antitrust and consumer matters in federal and state trial and appellate courts. His four decades of accomplishments have earned him a host of prestigious accolades, including

- The [Medal of Excellence](#) from the University of Connecticut Law School Alumni Association, the 11<sup>th</sup> recipient in 40 years.
- A [Distinguished Legal Writing Award](#) from the Burton Awards, granted to 35 authors from more than 1,000 submitting firms.
- A Marvin Award from the National Association of Attorneys General (NAAG).
- An outstanding service award from the Connecticut Department of Consumer Protection.

- An award from the ABA Section of Antitrust Law for chairing the Janet D. Steiger Fellowship Project, recipient of the ABA's Meritorious Service Award.

Bob is a Charter Fellow and former Chair of the James W. Cooper Fellows Program of the Connecticut Bar Foundation, and a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation. He was named *Best Lawyers'* antitrust lawyer of the year for Hartford on several occasions.

Prior to joining Wiggin and Dana in 1994, Bob participated in more than 20 cases in the Connecticut Supreme Court and the Connecticut Appellate Court, including the first decisions under both the Connecticut Antitrust Act (in a 1975 case) and the Connecticut Unfair Trade Practices Act (CUTPA) in a 1981 case. He has also assisted in drafting important amendments for both statutes.

Additionally, Bob has participated in numerous cases in the U.S. Supreme Court, including *Leegin v. PSKS* (2007), which, with the aid of an amicus brief on behalf of PING, co-authored by Bob, overturned century-old precedent related to vertical price fixing, *Hartford Fire v. California* (1993), one of the most significant McCarran-Ferguson decisions in our nation's history, in which Bob represented The State of Connecticut, and, most recently, *Ohio v. AMEX*, in which Bob co-authored an amicus brief on behalf of two highly regarded antitrust economists in perhaps the most important antitrust decision rendered by the Court in a decade involving how courts should evaluate two-sided markets under the antitrust laws.

In September 2005, at the behest of the Congressional Antitrust Modernization Commission, Bob was one of three participants to testify on the subject of the state action immunity doctrine.

From 1990 to 1992, Bob served as Chair of the NAAG Multistate Antitrust Task Force. NAAG established the now commonplace model of multistate attorney general cooperation in consumer protection. That model was born with Bob's and others' work in the 1970s to forge a landmark agreement with General Motors for secretly installing Chevrolet engines in Oldsmobiles.

Bob has participated in numerous pro bono initiatives, including the Fair Factories Clearinghouse (FFC), which, after Bob helped FFC obtain a successful Business Review Letter from the Antitrust Division of the DOJ, now shares documented data about wages and working conditions in foreign manufacturing settings. He also successfully obtained Advisory Opinions from the Federal Trade Commission to enable healthcare nonprofits to pass savings on to their employees and others. As Chair of the Cooper Fellows, he helped launch a program to capture the oral histories of pioneering women in the law in Connecticut.

Bob lectures and writes regularly on antitrust, consumer protection, and healthcare topics. Bob is the co-author of *Unfair Trade Practices, Business Torts and Antitrust*, a treatise for Connecticut judges, lawyers, and academicians. His op-ed articles have appeared in *The New York Times* and *The Hartford Courant*.

Since 1979, Bob has taught at the University of Connecticut School of Business Administration's MBA Program and the University of Connecticut School of Law. Bob obtained his J.D. from the University of Connecticut School of Law and his A.B. from Franklin & Marshall College. Bob was admitted to practice in 1973.

## Education

- University of Connecticut School of Law (J.D., 1973)
- Franklin & Marshall College (A.B., 1970)

## Bar Admissions

- Connecticut

## Court Admissions

- US Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- US Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- US District Court (District of Connecticut)
- US Supreme Court

## Memberships and Affiliations

- American Bar Association
  - Chair, Janet D. Steiger Fellowship Project, Section of Antitrust Law
- American Bar Foundation
  - Fellow
- American Health Lawyers Association
- BNA Antitrust & Trade Regulation Report
  - Member, Advisory Board
- Connecticut Bar Association
  - Chair, Antitrust & Trade Regulation Section
- Connecticut Bar Foundation

- Member, James W. Cooper Fellows Program (Past Chair)
- Matthew Bender Antitrust Report
  - Member, Board of Editors

## Publications

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**'Soto v. Bushmaster' Ruling Has Deeper Implications on CT Trade Law**

*Connecticut Law Tribune*

March 15, 2019

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February 12, 2018

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December 12, 2017

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March 3, 2017

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*TerraLex Connections*

February 7, 2017

**Congress Protects Negative Online Reviews**

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January 17, 2017

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October 25, 2016

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May 4, 2016

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February 24, 2016

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June 4, 2015

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**FTC Announces New Premerger-Notification and Interlocking-Directorate Thresholds**

January 2, 2015

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March 4, 2014

**New Guidance on Providing Financial Services to Medical Marijuana Businesses**

August 15, 2013

**Business Torts as Little FTC Act Claims: Does the Difference Really Make a Difference?**

*ABA Section of Antitrust Law Business Torts & RICO News*

May 7, 2013

**A Data Privacy and Security Checklist for Management**

November 2, 2012

**The FTC's Revised Green Guides**

November 1, 2012

**State Antitrust Law: A Trap for the Unwary**

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September 30, 2011

**The Second Prong of the 'Cigarette Rule' Continues to Serve as a Basis for Finding Unfairness Under Several 'Little FTC Acts'**

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January 14, 2011

**Antitrust and Consumer Protection Newsletter**

December 30, 2010

**So You Still Think You're Safe Under the Antitrust Laws? Another Word of Advice To Those Who Would Ignore The States**

*Antitrust Report, Issue 4, 2010*

May 17, 2010

**Practical Application of Consumer Privacy Laws to Franchised Businesses\***

July 10, 2009

**Brown & Brown, Inc. v. Blumenthal Amicus Brief**

June 30, 2009

**Chapter 8: Connecticut**

*ABA Section of Antitrust Law, Antitrust Practice and Statutes (4th ed. 2009)*

May 26, 2009

**Significant Developments in Clinical Integration: Federal Trade Commission Advisory Opinion Approves of Physician-Hospital Organization Proposal to Negotiate Jointly with Payers**

July 24, 2007

**U.S. Supreme Court Today - Term in Review**

*The United States Law Week, Vol. 76, No. 4*

October 6, 2006

**Unfair Trade Practices (Volume 12, Connecticut Practice Series)**

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April 8, 2005

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November 6, 2002

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*American Bar Association - Section of Antitrust Law: Consumer Protection Update*

July 19, 2001

**Global Merger Control in the New Millennium**

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January 2, 2001

**Important Notice regarding The Gramm-Leach Bliley Act**

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October 27, 2000

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**State Attorneys General: The Third Prong in the Antitrust Triad**

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**Can the King's Physician (Also) Do No Wrong?**

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**Should the Antitrust Division, the FTC, and State Attorneys General Formally Allocate the Market for Antitrust Enforcement?**

*Matthew Bender's Antitrust Report (October 1998 pp. 2-6)*

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*Committee on State Antitrust Enforcement, American Bar Association, Section on Antitrust*

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