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Bob has over three decades of experience as an estate planning and probate lawyer and previously served as Chair of Wiggin and Dana's Executive Committee (2009–2015). He is a Partner in the Private Client Services Department and counsels foreign and domestic clients in matters relating to estate planning, probate, and the taxation and administration of trusts and estates. He often works with clients who have complex estate planning needs, such as family business owners and artists. He is also a resource to lawyers at other firms in situations where difficult family dynamics or complex assets or tax issues are involved.

He frequently represents charitable organizations, banks, and individuals in contested probate and trust matters in federal and state court. He also counsels tax-exempt organizations and members of charitable boards.

Bob is recognized in *Best Lawyersin the area of Trusts and Estates, and he has also been named a New York Super Lawyersince 2006.*

Beyond his legal work, Bob served as Chairman of the Manhattan Advisory Board of The Salvation Army from 2000 to 2004. He is the current Chair of the Town of Pound Ridge Board of Assessment Review and a past member of the Board of San Miguel Academy, an inner-city school for boys in Newburgh, New York. He has also served multiple times on the Committee on Trusts, Estates and Surrogate's Courts of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, where he has drafted numerous reports on proposed legislation affecting New York Surrogate's Court practice.

Bob obtained his J.D. with honors from the Fordham University School of Law, where he was an editor of the *Fordham Urban Law Journal*. He earned an A.B. with honors from Vassar College.

Education

- Fordham University School of Law (J.D., 1982)
- Vassar College (A.B., 1977)

Bar Admissions

- Connecticut
- New York

Publications

January 18, 2019
‘Estate of Seiden’: An Opening of the Floodgates, or a Crack in the Wall?
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December 18, 2018
Private Client Services 2018 Year-End Advisory

September 27, 2018
Non-Tax Reasons for Estate Planning

December 22, 2017
President Trump Signs Tax Reform Legislation

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November 9, 2017
Domicile and Residence

November 9, 2017
Strategies For Owning Property In Multiple States

November 1, 2017
Connecticut Estate Tax Exemption Increased

February 6, 2017
A 2017 Repeal of the "Death Tax?"

December 15, 2016
Private Client Services 2016 Year-End Advisory

August 17, 2016
New Proposed Regulations Concerning Valuation Discounts

July 27, 2016
Portability: A Useful Estate Planning Tool

December 22, 2015
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Connecticut Budget Set to Impact the State's Highest Earners

February 26, 2015
Obama Administration's 2016 Budget Proposal

December 22, 2014
2014 Year-End Estate Planning Advisory

June 2, 2014
Significant Changes to New York Estate and Income Tax Law Effective April 1, 2014

February 3, 2014
Estate Planning For Your Digital Assets

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April 30, 2013
Income Tax Provisions of the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 and Other Recent Legislation

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Estate Planning Ramifications of the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012

December 2, 2005
Calculating Damages Over Mismanaged Assets
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