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Bob advises public and private companies, as well as shareholders and investors on a variety of securities, corporate governance, and transactional matters. His deep knowledge of the securities regulations allows him to counsel clients through complex securities law issues, including securities offerings, periodic reporting and disclosures, stock exchange listing requirements, and other compliance matters.

OVERVIEW

Publicly traded and privately held clients turn to Bob for a broad range of corporate and securities law issues. He provides guidance in the areas of SEC filings, disclosures, and general compliance for domestic and foreign issuers, as well as securityholders.

Bob counsels business clients in a diverse range of industries and handles securities law compliance, corporate governance, and securities offerings. He advises NYSE, Nasdaq, and other publicly traded companies on the latest developments and requirements affecting public companies, including SEC regulations and stock exchange rules, as well as developments in regulatory and case law.

He provides analysis of “securities” status of cryptocurrency tokens; U.S. securities law compliance for token sales, including U.S. offerings under Regulation D, offshore offerings under Regulation S; and compensatory grants to employees and consultants.

AWARDS

- *Best Lawyers in America®*: Corporate Law (2023, 2025-2026)

TOP AREAS OF FOCUS

- Capital Markets
- Corporate
- Corporate Governance
- Mergers + Acquisitions

ALL AREAS OF FOCUS

- [Cannabis](#)
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- [International](#)
- [Investment Funds + Investment Management Services](#)
- [Mergers + Acquisitions](#)
- [Private Equity](#)
- [Technology](#)

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School, J.D., 1986
- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, B.S., 1983
- Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH Zurich)

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Pennsylvania
- New Jersey

COURT ADMISSIONS

- U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Co-author, "[SEC Broadens Guidance on Accredited Investor Verification](#)," *Troutman Pepper Locke*, March 13, 2025.
- Co-author, "[Delaware Further Updates its Framework for Equity Award Delegations](#)," *Troutman Pepper*, September 19, 2023.
- Co-presenter, "Recent Developments in Securities Law and Practice," Troutman Pepper Annual Public Company Seminar, December 2020.

PUBLICATIONS

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- Co-author, "Satisfying the 'Need' Requirement for a Paycheck Protection Program Loan," *Pepper Hamilton*, April 27, 2020.
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- Co-author, "Seven Considerations for Stock Buyback Programs in the Era of COVID-19," *Harvard Law School Forum on Corporate Governance*, May 10, 2020.
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- Co-author, "Proposed Rule Would Allow Expanded Solicitations of Interest Prior to a Registered Public Offering," *Pepper Hamilton*, April 22, 2019.
- Co-author, "CFTC Extends Its Reach to Potentially Include Initial Coin Offerings," *Pepper Hamilton*, October 18, 2017.
- Co-author, "SEC Cracks Down on Fraudulent ICOs in Latest Enforcement Action," *Pepper Hamilton*, October 4, 2017.
- Co-author, "Blockchain and Initial Coin Offerings: SEC Provides First U.S. Securities Law Guidance," *Harvard Law School Forum on Corporate Governance*, August 9, 2017.
- Co-author, "Blockchain and Initial Coin Offerings: SEC Provides First U.S. Securities Law Guidance," *Pepper Hamilton*, July 27, 2017.
- Author, "SEC Further Enhances the IPO On-Ramp," *Pepper Hamilton*, January 29, 2016.
- Co-author, "SEC Adopts Final Crowdfunding Regulations," *Pepper Hamilton*, October 30, 2015.
- Co-author, "SEC Approves Final Rules for Regulation A+," *Pepper Hamilton*, April 10, 2015.
- Co-author, "More State Courts Upholding Forum Selection Bylaws," *Pepper Hamilton*, September 12, 2014.
- Co-author, "Forum Selection Bylaws Help Combat Multijurisdictional Shareholder Litigation: State Courts Are Increasingly Upholding Forum Selection Provisions in Corporate Bylaws," *Pepper Hamilton*, September 3, 2014.
- Co-author, "Private Placements under New Rule 506(c) – Interplay with Other Exemptions and State Law Implications," *Pepper Hamilton*, August 7, 2013.
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- Co-author, "Access to the U.S. Capital Markets by Foreign Issuers: A Guide to Rule 144A and Regulation S Offerings," *Pepper Hamilton*, June 11, 2013.
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