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Bob brings extensive experience in mergers, acquisitions, and general corporate law, representing a diverse array of private equity and venture capital funds, public and private companies, and individuals.

**OVERVIEW**

Bob's practice spans North America, South America, Europe, and Asia, providing clients with comprehensive advice on leveraged buyouts, recapitalizations, debt financings, vendor contracts, employment, and equity incentive arrangements.

Bob's clients include major players in the technology, media, telecommunications, consumer products, retail, and franchise industries. His work includes high-profile acquisitions, sales, and strategic collaborations, helping clients achieve their business objectives efficiently and effectively.

**REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS**

- Represented American Tower Corporation in acquiring data centers in Orlando and Atlanta from DataSite.
- Guided Cable One, Inc. in acquiring a 45% stake in Mega Broadband Investments Holders LLC for \$574 million, with an option to purchase the remainder.
- Facilitated American Tower Corp.'s collaboration with Public Media Group to expedite Single Frequency Networks (SFNs) delivery.
- Assisted Melody Investment Advisors in acquiring Uniti Towers' development business and more than 500 towers from Uniti Group Inc.
- Advised founders in forming a fund for the FCC's first-of-its-kind Incentive Auction, repurposing the spectrum for new uses, a groundbreaking initiative in telecommunications.
- Counseled ABRY Partners in a significant minority investment in Chimney Vigor Group, enhancing their service offerings to multinational advertisers and content producers.
- Managed Brynwood Partners' sale of Lightlife Foods, Inc., to Maple Leaf Foods for \$140 million, marking a significant transaction in the plant-based protein market.
- Advised BSO Ireland in its acquisition of IX Reach, a global provider of network solutions.
- Advised Searchlight Capital Partners in its growth equity investment in PatientPoint, an operator of digital point-of-care networks for patient education.

## TOP AREAS OF FOCUS

- Corporate
- Mergers + Acquisitions
- Private Equity
- Retail
- Technology

## EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

### EDUCATION

- The College of William & Mary, J.D.
- The College of William & Mary, Master of Public Policy
- Dickinson College, B.A.
- University of East Anglia, England

### BAR ADMISSIONS

- Rhode Island

## SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Speaker, "Innovate Newport: Health Tech Industry Spotlight Series," The New England Medical Innovation Center, May 29, 2025.