



#### **EDUCATION**

Boston University, School of Law – 1990 Juris Doctorate

Union College, 1987 – B.A. in Political Science & Economics

Completed requirements for B.S. in Psychology

#### **ADMISSIONS**

New York New Jersey Massachusetts U.S. District Court (E.D.N.Y.) U.S. District Court (S.D.N.Y.) U.S. District Court (New Jersey) U.S. District Court (Massachusetts) U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit

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Robert received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and Economics and completed the degree requirements for a Bachelor of Science in Psychology from Union College. He was awarded a Juris Doctor from Boston University School of Law. Prior to practicing law, Robert was employed with various law enforcement and investigative entities (as a Guard, Patrol Officer, Agent/Special Agent and/or Officer), including the Department of the Treasury, United States Custom Service as an Inspector. Robert was also a licensed N.Y.S. Emergency Medical Technician.

Robert has been investigating and litigating insurance claims for more than 30 years. Robert began his legal career working on many reinsurance matters (including being the only associate handling the Unigard v. North River trial and appeals). As a coverage attorney, many of Robert's motions to dismiss/summary judgment were granted, and he received several arbitration and trial victories in his clients' favor. As a defense attorney, Robert successfully acquired many voluntary discontinuances, thus saving his clients litigation fees/expenses, and potential adverse judgments. The vast majority of Robert's career has focused on subrogation. His first subrogation investigation was the 1993 World Trade Center bombing. As a subrogation attorney, Robert has investigated, mediated, arbitrated and/or tried thousands of claims.

Robert has an AV® rating with Martindale-Hubbell indicating the highest ranking in legal ability and ethical standards as determined by his peers in the legal community. He is a Certified Subrogation Recovery Professional. Robert is the President of NASP's Board of Directors, after serving 2 years as its Vice President and 4 years as Treasurer. He has been named a New York Super Lawyer every year since 2006. Robert was the 2009, 2010, 2012, 2013 and 2014 Chair of the National Property Subrogation Strategies ExecuSummit; Co-Chair of the Property Track for NASP's 2010 Litigation Skills and Management Conference; Co- Chair for NASP's 2011 Litigation Skills and Management Conference; and was Co-Chair of the Product Liability Track for NASP's 2012 and 2013 National Annual Conferences. He is also included on the New Jersey Courts' Statewide Roster of court-approved mediators as an R. 1:40 qualified mediator. He is a Certified Property Subrogation Arbitrator and was listed as a member in the Global Register's Who's Who in Executives and Professionals. Robert has served as an Editor of NASP's Subrogator, including one term as Editor-in-Chief.

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Robert frequently presents seminars and articles of interest to insurers, including courses at various insurance forums, such as NASP (Annual and Spring Conferences) and PLRB/LIRB (Annual and Regionals). He received the New York County Lawyers Association's Certificate of Appreciation for pro bono work from 1992 through the present; the New York State Bar Association's Certificate of Appreciation; and was awarded "Partner in Education" by the New York City Public Schools. He was also Co-Editor of the Youth Law Manual distributed in New York Public Schools and a legal research assistant for the treatise "Securitization."

Robert created an educational video/DVD titled: "Alternative Dispute Resolution Techniques and Preparation." The 60-minute course addresses strategies and techniques in preparing for arbitration, mediation and negotiation. The course is available at http://www.researchandmarkets. com/. Robert was also a panel speaker for a CLE program: "Skills for Preparation and Effective Representation in Insurance Mediations. This course is available at http://www.lawline.com/.

Robert authored a chapter in the New Appleman on Insurance Law Library Edition, a LexisNexis publication considered to be the most comprehensive source for insurance law. Chapter 161, entitled "Limitations On Bringing Subrogation Claims," addresses various subjects such as subrogating against an insured, actions impairing subrogation rights, waivers of subrogation, voluntary payment doctrine, estoppel, splitting causes of action, unclean hands, laches and invalidity of a tortfeasor's insurance policy. The Chapter not only provides an analysis of recent case law, with citations, but also helpful hints from Robert. A copy of New Appleman on Insurance Law Library Edition is available by searching the publication at www.lexisnexis.com/store.

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