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About

Robert Crotty's practice is focused on commercial litigation, trials, appeals and arbitrations. With more than four decades of experience, Bob has represented clients in the automobile, banking, contracting, composites, direct marketing, distribution, direct mail, health care, pharmaceutical, real estate, real estate valuation, securities, telecommunications, trusts and estates and other business areas. His experience includes corporate, contract, antitrust, securities, trusts and estates and labor and employment matters, to name only a few.

Bob represents businesses and individuals in all stages of dispute resolution, helping them to make informed decisions at every phase of development. Bob takes the time to understand each client's immediate and long-term goals because every client and legal dispute has its own unique set of circumstances. Bob develops a plan of defense or prosecution that is tailored specifically to each scenario.

Bob's skill as a veteran litigator and advocate is broad and deep. He has defended and prosecuted claims valued into the hundreds of millions of dollars. Among many other achievements, Bob obtained an award for a major pharmaceutical company in an international arbitration, obtained an acquittal for a corporate client in a criminal antitrust trial in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, as well as a defense jury verdict of \$1 in nominal damages against a client in a sexual harassment case. He also represented a major chemical and polymers company in obtaining an insurance payment of \$32 million, the full face value of the six insurance policies involved; a major defense jury verdict in favor of a large New York City hospital in a sophisticated employee benefits case; and negotiated a favorable settlement for a securities fraud action for a *Fortune* 500 company against a major European bank and a New York investment bank.

Bob consistently delivers effective and efficient litigation services that address his client's current legal concerns, as well as safeguard their future interests. On many occasions, Bob has achieved early resolution of a claim through discreet and behind-the-scenes negotiation. If a dispute cannot be resolved through persuasive diplomacy, and litigation ensues, Bob has and will take a dispute to state or federal court or arbitration, and through appeal if it is in his client's best interest to do so.

Bob has analyzed and advised on a diverse selection of complex commercial disputes. As a result, he is known and appreciated for providing consistently superior-quality representation.

Experience

Obtains arbitration awards for clients in domestic and international arbitrations involving, among others, pharmaceuticals, composites and other sophisticated technologies.

Obtained an acquittal for a corporate client in a criminal antitrust trial in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York.

Obtained a defense jury verdict of \$1 in nominal damages against a client in a sexual harassment case.

Represented a major chemical and polymers company in obtaining a payment of \$32 million from an insurance guaranty association, the full face value of the six insurance policies involved.

Obtained a defense jury verdict in favor of a large New York City hospital in an employee benefits case.

Achieved a favorable settlement of an action for securities fraud brought by a client, a Fortune 500 company, against a major European bank and a New York investment bank.

Obtained a multi-million dollar jury verdict for a major chemical and polymers company on a Ship Builder's Risk policy issued by Lloyd's of London.

Obtained a defense jury verdict on behalf of a major New York City financial institution in a 10b-5 action.

Obtained a defense jury verdict in a toxic tort case against a major corporation.

Successfully defended at trial a major New York City hospital and two of its doctors in a libel suit.

Obtained a summary judgment in favor of a Fortune 500 media company in a case involving claims of wrongful discharge and the denial of employee benefits.

Represented a major chemical and polymers company, along with a patent law firm, on antitrust and fraud on the patent office issues.

Honors

The Best Lawyers in America® (Woodward/White, Inc.), Litigation, 2015-2026.

Listed as a New York *Super Lawyer*, 2006–2012 and 2014–2025.

Affiliations

New York State Bar Foundation

Arequipa, Peru Bar Association, honorary member

Brooklyn Legal Services Corp. A, director

Volunteers of Legal Services, former director

Supreme Court of the State of New York, First Department Indigent Defense Office Oversight Committee, former chair

Bar Association of the City of New York, Judiciary Committee, 1992–1995

NY City Bar Association Committee on the Homeless, past member

Volunteers of Legal Services, former board member

NY Lawyers for the Public Interest, former board member

Catholic University of San Pablo, Arequipa, Peru, Advisory Committee of the Faculty of Law, member

Community

The Guild of Catholic Lawyers of the Archdiocese of New York, president

Candlewood Lake Club, former president and board member

CLC Owners Corp., former president and board member

Related Services

Commercial Litigation

International Arbitration

Litigation

PFAS and Emerging Contaminants

Education

Cornell Law School, J.D.

University of Notre Dame, B.A.

Admissions

New York

Courts

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. Court of Appeals–Second Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals–Seventh Circuit

U.S. Tax Court

U.S. District Court–Southern District of New York

U.S. District Court–Western District of New York

U.S. District Court–Eastern District of New York