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Profile

Bob concentrates his practice on education, library and municipal law. He is a past president of the New York State Association of School Attorneys and a past co-chair of the Suffolk County Bar Association's Education Law Committee. Bob has lectured extensively on all topics of general education law, including special education, board governance and construction issues.

Bob has been a panel member and lecturer on education and employment law issues for the New York State Association of School Attorneys, the Nassau and Suffolk Academies of Law and the Long Island Association of Special Education Administrators. He has conducted numerous seminars and workshops on issues concerning public libraries and schools.

Honors & Affiliations

- Listed in:
 - *New York Metro Super Lawyer*®, 2021-2023
 - *Martindale-Hubbell*®, Top Rated Lawyer - Litigation
- President's Award, Chair of Education Law Committee, Suffolk County Bar Association
- President's Award, New York State Association of School Attorneys
- New York State Association of School Attorneys, Former President
- Suffolk County Bar Association's Education Law Committee, Former Chair
- Phi Beta Kappa
- Hofstra Law Review

Representative Presentations

- "Special Education: Two Costly Issues – Compensatory Education and Timeline Compliance," Legal Considerations for the Reopening of Schools, Whether it Happens on a Statewide or Regional Basis, Summer Law Conference Series, New York State School Boards Association, July 21, 2020
- "A Peek into Special Education: How the New Legislation Impacts Students with Disabilities," Annual School Law Conference, Nassau and Suffolk Academies of Law and Education Law Committees, December 6, 2019

Education

- Hofstra University School of Law (J.D., *with distinction*, 1983)
- Hofstra University (B.A. in Psychology, *magna cum laude*, 1980)

Bar/Court Admissions

- New York

Practices

- School Law
- Municipalities
- Labor and Employment
- Litigation

- "Avoiding District Election & Budget Vote Challenges," 100th Annual Convention & Education Expo, NYSSBA & NYSASA, October 26, 2019
- "Special Education: Advantages and Disadvantages of Selecting Different Administrative Forums," Annual School Law Conference, Suffolk and Nassau Academies of Law and the Education Law Committees of the Suffolk and Nassau County Bar Associations, December 7, 2018
- "Student Privacy Rights Regarding What is Told to School Counselors and Staff," Student Free Speech and Privacy Policy Workshop, New York State School Boards Association, March 27, 2018
- "Get Up, Stand Up," 17th Annual School Attorney Law Conference, NYSSBA & NYSASA, June 3, 2017
- "Construction and Financing Primer," 2016 Annual School Law Conference, Suffolk and Nassau Academies of Law and the Education Law Committees of the Suffolk and Nassau County Bar Associations, December 9, 2016
- "It Takes a Village: Working With the Police, CPS, Family Court and Other Enforcement Agencies," 16th Annual School Attorney Law Conference, NYSSBA & NYSASA, June 4, 2016
- "Student Discipline, OCR Compliance Investigations and Alternatives to Out of School Suspension," Annual Conference, National School Boards Association, April 10, 2016
- "Legal Challenges to School Board Elections and Budget Votes," 95th Annual Convention & Education Expo, NYSSBA & NYSASA, October 19, 2015

Other Activities

- Sunshine Drug Prevention Center, Board of Directors