



Robert S. Wolf

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Robert S. Wolf is the Leader of the Criminal and White-Collar Litigation & Government Investigations and Securities Litigation practices.

His primary areas of practice are white collar criminal defense, government investigations, as well as securities, corporate, commercial and real estate litigation. His vast litigation experience is much broader and includes representing corporations and individuals in all stages of federal and state civil and criminal proceedings throughout the country, in addition to regulatory enforcement proceedings and arbitrations. Robert regularly represents clients nationwide in significant fraud prosecutions and SEC enforcement actions. He has also been involved in complex international litigations in connection with global intelligence investigations for numerous European Union member countries and other foreign jurisdictions.

High-profile clients subject to unfavorable press or otherwise targeted by the media look to Robert for his extensive experience in crisis management and a well-earned, media-savvy reputation. These clients include high net worth individuals, financial industry professionals, real estate companies, developers, celebrities and professional athletes

Robert represented a former business associate of President Trump, who testified in the Office of Special Counsel grand jury and appeared before numerous House and Senate subcommittees in connection the Congressional investigation into alleged Russian interference in the 2016 Presidential election as well as obstruction of justice by the President.

Robert also handles high stake employment matters and related litigation in the financial industry in, involving senior managing directors and investment banks, obtaining substantial severance packages in charged environments; represented broker-dealers and hedge funds against employees in similar matters; and obtained a landmark ruling regarding the U-5 disclosure immunity defeating substantial monetary damage claims.

Prior results do not guarantee a similar outcome.

Practices / Industries

- Criminal and White-Collar Litigation & Government Investigations
- Securities Enforcement, Arbitration and Litigation
- Litigation
- Real Estate & Land Title Litigation
- Bankruptcy Litigation

Education

- New York Law School (J.D.)
- Adelphi University (B.A.)

Bar/Court Admissions

- New York
- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of New York

Professional Affiliations

- American Bar Association Business Law, Litigation and Criminal Justice Sections
- Association of the Bar of the City of New York
- New York County Lawyers Association
- National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
- New York State Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
- New York Criminal Bar Association

Recognition

- Recognized as the first American attorney to be permitted into a Russian prison in an actual case, Robert represented a U.S. citizen charged with fraud and money laundering in connection with one of the first joint criminal prosecutions between the United States and the Russian Federation. He is frequently quoted by various media outlets, including The New York Times, Wall Street Journal, Washington Post, Bloomberg News and Reuters, and has appeared often as a legal analyst on television.
- Robert has been rated AV Preeminent™ by Martindale-Hubbell for over 20 years, an achievement which places him amongst a select group of lawyers recognized for their legal abilities and professional ethical standards. He is also honored with consecutive selections in the 2012 through 2020 editions of New York Metro Super Lawyers® for White Collar Criminal Defense Litigation.
- Super Lawyers: 2012 - 2025

Representative Matters

Robert's notable matters include:

- Obtained a seven-figure FINRA arbitration award for a hedge fund in an unprecedented case finding the fund's prime broker bank liable for extensive losses caused by the fund's rogue trader, notwithstanding established industry-enforced contractual defenses of "no duty" and "no responsibility" of prime brokers for trading losses of hedge funds.

- Represented several White House interns in connection with the Monica Lewinsky investigation and provided assistance to the defense of President Clinton in Congressional impeachment proceedings.
- Obtained a Delaware Chancery court decision in favor of a hedge fund's right to enforce an arbitration clause, thereby avoiding disclosure of sensitive investor information notwithstanding a Delaware statute otherwise providing for exclusive jurisdiction over such matters.
- Represented several clients in connection with national security matters, international arms and the intelligence community, and negotiated the reacquisition of Stinger missiles together with the Central Intelligence Agency.
- Represented an aerospace industry jet engine company against Saab International and recovered several million dollars in an arbitration and federal litigation alleging fraud and material concealments in connection with the purchase of Saab's subsidiary.
- Defended an energy and oil industry company in bankruptcy court against an effort by major creditors to defeat its Chapter 11 reorganization plan, notwithstanding its failure to initiate drilling of oil wells in accordance with contractual requirements.
- Represented a medical prosthetics company in a federal court action involving complex sale and accounting valuation issues and won an award of several million dollars in a related valuation proceeding resulting in the favorable resolution of the litigation.
- Served as co-lead trial counsel in the representation of a major toy industry company, which won a successful settlement several weeks into trial, involving hundreds of millions of dollars of fraud and contract claims in connection with the sale of the company.
- Defended a trader in a bonus scandal investigation by the New York State Attorney General's Office, resulting in no action against the client nor disgorgement of the seven-figure bonus.
- Prevented any action being taken against a client lobbyist in the public pensions fund investigation conducted by the New York State Attorney General's Office.
- Obtained the dismissal of all criminal charges filed against a well-known television personality in connection with an equally high-profile criminal prosecution and has represented other celebrities in well-publicized prosecutions and litigations.
- Defended a client and affiliated entities in a complex fraud litigation in Cyprus involving claims of political corruption and Russian corporate raiding.
- Represented Ford Models in a federal trademark infringement litigation defeating a Massachusetts-based modeling agency that had been improperly using the Ford name for over 20 years.

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Videos

Robert S. Wolf Interviewed on Fox Business News 3-25-14

Government Fines the Cost of Doing Business? Fox Business, 1/20/14