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He cultivated his experience as a Senior Supervising Attorney of the General Litigation Division for the Corporation Counsel working in the Mayor Harold Washington administration. He was involved in more than 500 civil rights cases. His personal trial experiences have led to over 100 state and federal verdicts and appellate court decisions. He was appointed to numerous cases as an Illinois Special Assistant Attorney General and Special Assistant State's Attorney. Bob has taken cases others have declined yielding results with impact for his clients. His reputation of integrity, work ethic, and attention to detail is brought to each client.

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