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For the past 35 years, Ms. Schilling has represented both plaintiffs and defendants in complex commercial and business litigation matters involving commercial contracts and leases, trade secrets, unfair business practices and competition, and employment disputes, including wage and hour, discrimination, harassment and wrongful termination claims, and related insurance coverage and cost recovery claims. Ms. Schilling has successfully litigated and arbitrated cases covering the full spectrum of commercial litigation, including multiple bench and jury trials. Prior to founding Schilling Law Group, Ms. Schilling practiced at Latham & Watkins LLP, where she was a Partner, and Paul Hastings Janofsky & Walker. Ms. Schilling clerked for the Honorable Judge Melvin Brunetti on the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals before beginning her legal practice. She is rated by Martindale-Hubbell as AV-Preeminent.

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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.

Bob served two terms on the Chicago City Council as 2nd Ward Alderman where he focused on education, community development, and helped create over 8,000 jobs.

He earned his J.D. from Northern Illinois University College of Law and is a member of the adjunct faculty. Bob remains deeply involved in the Chicago community where he serves on various boards and lectures extensively on the legal profession, education, civics and has received numerous awards for his work in public service and the legal profession. He continues to serve his community with pro bono legal services.

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Robert S. Wolf is the Chair of Moses & Singer's White Collar Criminal Defense and Government Investigations, and Securities Litigation practice groups.

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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 recently achieved a huge victory for a client charged in a 50 count federal indictment with money laundering in connection with a \$150 Million kickback scheme involving Russian military contractors in which the government seized over \$40 Million in US bank accounts. The successful resolution of the case resulted in the dismissal of all money laundering charges, dismissal of a murder for hire charge involving a man having an affair with his wife, and dismissal of most remaining charges, all comprising the government's main case against him. As a result of his plea to minor unrelated charges, the client retained the vast majority of his previously seized assets and extensive real estate holdings all of which were returned to him by the government.

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. 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 2021 editions of New York Metro Super Lawyers® for White Collar Criminal Defense Litigation.



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O'Connor has tried a wide variety of cases in federal, state and arbitration courts throughout the country, including not only professional liability, attorney fee, and law firm buy-out cases, but also intellectual property, anti-trust, civil RICO, ADA/disability discrimination, civil rights, employment, insurance coverage and bad faith, construction, product liability, toxic tort, defamation, fraud and contract, real estate, white collar criminal, and sports management, among others. This experience allows him to distinguish between efficiency and inefficiency in litigation management.

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