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MEET BOB

"I am good at what I do. No one is going to work harder or fight harder to obtain the results that my clients need and deserve."

— Robert I Whitelaw

Bob is the co-chairman of the Family Law department and the Litigation department of Obermayer. He was the firm's managing partner for 30 years and is still a member of the firm's management committee.

Bob has been one of Philadelphia's leading divorce attorneys for over four decades, representing clients in the Philadelphia area, the Main Line, Montgomery, Delaware, Bucks and Chester counties and throughout Pennsylvania.

Bob has extensive experience in divorce and child custody matters as well as matrimonial and family law issues. He handles all aspects of domestic relations including division of property, alimony, tax matters, custody, visitation and support, prenuptial agreements, paternity, matrimonial litigation and negotiation, complicated marital estates and other domestic relations issues.

Bob is an experienced advisor and litigator in partnership and corporate matters with respect to formation, succession and dissolution. He also has a comprehensive background in probate, fiduciary and administration of estates.

In his free time, Bob is an avid cyclist, averaging between 100 to 200 miles per week. He also is an omnivorous reader and an inveterate traveler, preferring to visit places that are off the beaten track.

EXPERIENCE

Bob has successfully handled numerous high profile, high net worth divorce cases involving hundreds of millions of dollars. With a reputation for being direct and honest, Bob understands that clients want to get from Point A, where they are at the start of a divorce proceeding, to Point B, where they want to be

once the proceeding is concluded. He uses his extensive experience in matrimonial and family law to successfully guide his clients to that Point B.

Bob has successfully argued a number of cases before the Pennsylvania Supreme Court and Superior Court that have set lasting precedents, including the validity of a prenuptial agreement in Pennsylvania and the principle that equitable distribution applies to liabilities, as well as assets.

NEWS & INSIGHTS

We are Proud to Announce Our Suburban Life's 2019 Five-Star Attorneys

January 23, 2020 by Gary Samms, Stephanie H. Winegrad, Shari B. Veisblatt, Adam Tanker, Tara Burns, Robert I Whitelaw, Nina B. Stryker, Leslie B. Spoltore, Lanique A. Roberts, Michelle L. Ringel, Hillary J. Moonay, David L. Ladov, W. Frank Johnson, Jr., Jennifer L. Iseman, Samantha J. Evian, Julie R. Colton, Cara A. Boyanowski, Michael E. Bertin, David A. Nasatir

Obermayer is Proud to Announce Our Suburban Life's Top Attorneys

August 22, 2019 by Stephanie H. Winegrad, Shari B. Veisblatt, Adam Tanker, Tara Burns, Robert I Whitelaw, Leslie B. Spoltore, Lanique A. Roberts, Michelle L. Ringel, Hillary J. Moonay, David L. Ladov, W. Frank Johnson, Jr., Jennifer L. Iseman, Samantha J. Evian, Julie R. Colton, Dove A.E. Burns, Cara A. Boyanowski, Michael E. Bertin

Obermayer is Proud to Announce Our Recognized Best Lawyers®

August 15, 2019 by Kellie A. McGowan, Stephanie H. Winegrad, Adam Tanker, Robert I Whitelaw, Nina B. Stryker, Leslie B. Spoltore, Nicholas Poduslenko, Hillary J. Moonay, David L. Ladov, Paul C. Heintz, Julie R. Colton, Michael E. Bertin

Obermayer Attorneys Named To 2019 Pennsylvania Super Lawyers® And Rising Stars Lists

May 07, 2019 by Maria L. Panichelli, Michael V. Phillips, Gary Samms, William J. Leonard, Stephanie H. Winegrad, Adam Tanker, Robert I Whitelaw, Nina B. Stryker, Katherine M. Robinson, Hillary J. Moonay, Thomas A. Leonard III, David L. Ladov, Samantha J. Koopman, Andrew J. Horowitz, Paul C. Heintz, Julie R. Colton, Qiwei Chen, Michael E. Bertin, Ivo J. Becica

Obermayer Attorneys Selected Best Lawyers in America

August 15, 2018 by Adam Tanker, Robert I Whitelaw, Nina B. Stryker, Leslie B. Spoltore, Hillary J. Moonay, David L. Ladov, Paul C. Heintz, Julie R. Colton, Michael E. Bertin

Obermayer Attorneys Named to 2018 PA Super Lawyers and Rising Stars List

May 18, 2018 by Michael V. Phillips, Gary Samms, William J. Leonard, Stephanie H. Winegrad, Robert I Whitelaw, Nina B. Stryker, Karen M. Sanchez, Katherine M. Robinson, Thomas A. Leonard III, David L. Ladov, Paul C. Heintz, Samantha J. Evian, Julie R. Colton, Michael E. Bertin, Ivo J. Becica

ACTIVITIES & HONORS

Bob is a fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. He is also a member of the Family Law, Litigation and Probate sections of the American, Pennsylvania and Philadelphia Bar Associations. He served as President, Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and is a former Vice President (July 2008-July 2011) and Secretary (July 2007-July 2008).

In civic life, Bob is a former Chairman of the Board, Prince Music Theater; Trustee, Anna Vincent Scholarship Trust; arbitrator, the American Arbitration Association; instructor, Main Line Paralegal Institute; author and lecturer, Pennsylvania Bar Institute; lecturer, Dickinson Law Forum; member, board of directors, Big Brothers and Sisters of Philadelphia (President 1996-98) and panel member of the Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

Bob has been named in *Best Lawyers in America*® from 1995 to the present and was named as the “Philadelphia Best Lawyers Family Lawyer of the Year” for 2010. He has consistently been named as one of the “Ten Leaders of Greater Philadelphia Matrimonial and Divorce Law” (2005-present). He is named to the Pennsylvania Super Lawyers® list as seen in both Philadelphia magazine and Pennsylvania Super Lawyers magazine (2004-2017, 2019). He is also listed as one of the Top 100 Philadelphia attorneys and Top 100 Pennsylvania attorneys (2004-2007).

Awards Won*



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EDUCATION

- University of Pennsylvania School of Law, JD
- Amherst College, BA

ADMISSIONS

- Supreme Court of Pennsylvania
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania

CAPABILITIES

Family Law

Adoption
Child & Spousal Support
Custody
Divorce
Domestic Abuse
Mediation
Name Change
Paternity

Litigation

Appellate
Insurance

Trusts & Estates

Business Succession Planning
Charitable Giving
Estate Planning & Asset Protection

Fiduciary Litigation
Trust & Estate Administration