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Education

J.D., Duke University School of Law

B.A., University of California, San Diego

Admissions

California

District of Columbia

Biography

Robby is a business litigator representing clients in all manner of complex commercial litigation, regulatory inquiries, and corporate investigations. Robby has litigated cases in federal and state courts, and has secured victories for clients at trial and in binding arbitration proceedings across the country. He has represented clients in partnership disputes, misappropriation of trade secrets and unfair competition claims, consumer class actions, shareholder class action and derivative suits, executive employment disputes, anti-corruption investigations, and securities enforcement actions, including through formal U.S. Securities & Exchange Commission and NYSE Regulation inquiries. Robby has also performed investigations around the globe in matters relating to corruption, fraud, embezzlement, money laundering, and accounting and securities matters, among others. Robby's cases have been covered by the *Wall Street Journal*, the *Los Angeles Times, Variety,* and numerous industry publications.

Prior to joining Miller Barondess, Robby previously practiced in the Los Angeles, Washington, D.C., and Paris, France offices of an international law firm. His insight into government agencies includes time working in The White House, Executive Office of the President and the United States Attorney's Office, Southern District of California. A California native, Robby received his Bachelor's Degree in Political Science / Public Law from the University of California, San Diego and his Juris Doctor from Duke University School of Law.
Robby is admitted to practice in federal and state courts of California and Washington, D.C.

Notable Representations

- Representation of Los Angeles-based venture capital firm in connection with operating agreement and track record dispute
- Representation of New York-based private equity firm in connection with general partner distributions and clawback liability
- Representation of Los Angeles-based venture capital firm in connection with carried interest and converted member rights
- Representation of venture capital founder in a partnership and operating agreement dispute
- Representation of leading professional sports travel agency in dispute with global hotel chain during NBA playoffs
- Representation of talent agent at top-ranked Hollywood firm in dispute over television script
- Representation of nationally-recognized clothing brand in copyright infringement and enforcement actions
- Representation of world-leading media company executive in connection with securities class action and derivative litigation
- Representation of homebuilding company executive in connection with securities class action and derivative litigation
- Representation of one of the largest e-sports franchises in the world in an internal investigation and related matters
- Representation of one of the world’s most popular dating apps in Unruh Act consumer class action
- Representation of world-leading auction house in litigation concerning high-profile watch auction
- Representation of world-leading aerospace and defense company in connection with anti-corruption reviews, risk assessments, and related investigations
- Representation of audit committee members in an SEC enforcement and fraud investigation
- Representation of oilfield services company with respect to SEC investigation
- Representation of a broker-dealer in connection with New York Stock Exchange Regulation investigation
- Representation of emerging growth company with respect to capital fundraising and related securities compliance
- Representation of tire and automotive services company in connection with employee class action
- Representation of a multinational “supermajor” oil and gas company in connection with a worldwide risk-assessment and compliance audit, in coordination with a compliance monitor

- Representation of a hedge fund and its founder in an administrative proceeding against the SEC alleging fraud and violations of the Exchange Act
- Representation of a nonprofit executive in a corporate governance and employment dispute
- Assessment of labor and employment matters on numerous merger and acquisition deals

Areas of Concentration

- Complex business litigation in California federal and state courts on matters including commercial contract disputes, venture capital and private equity disputes, executive employment, consumer class actions, and unfair competition claims
- Corporate governance with an emphasis on shareholder derivative proceedings, conducting internal investigations, counseling board committees
- Securities litigation, enforcement, and regulation, including SEC/NYSE enforcement actions, shareholder class action and derivative litigation, Exchange Act compliance, and director fiduciary duties
- Anti-corruption and fraud investigations on behalf of domestic and multinational companies involving SEC regulations, the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, U.K. Bribery Act, and French Sapin II law

Publications

- Navigating Risk Areas in Private Equity and Venture Capital Investments, Los Angeles Lawyer Magazine, Vol. 2025 No. 9
- Barristers Tips; Getting to Know Your Client, Los Angeles Lawyer Magazine, Vol. 2023 No. 1
- 2012 U.S. Court of International Trade Decisions on Department of Commerce Market Economy Trade Remedy Decisions, 45 Geo. J. Int’l L. 1 (2013) (co-author)

Professional Activities

- Member, Los Angeles County Bar Association