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Robert Shannon represents corporate clients in litigation and regulatory matters. He has significant trial experience on high-profile issues and was honored by the Jury Verdict Reporter for obtaining one of the top defense verdicts for one of his long-time clients, the Chicago White Sox.

Bob also represents well-known business and lobbying clients in governmental ethics, compliance, and enforcement matters.

Beyond his business counsel, Bob concentrates his government litigation practice counseling elected officials, public entities, and political action committees. He currently serves as Special Assistant State's Attorney.

Bob is the firmwide managing partner of Hinshaw. Before being named managing partner in 2016, he was the firm's Government Practice Group leader. He also currently serves on Hinshaw's Executive Committee.

Prior to joining Hinshaw in 1999, Bob was a prosecutor with the City of Chicago's Special Prosecutions Division, where he gained significant trial experience in the Cook County criminal court system.

After serving as a prosecutor, Bob defended the City of Chicago in federal civil rights litigation. He also advised the Chicago Police Department on arrest and First Amendment issues.

Bob entered public service as an assistant to former U.S. Senator Alan J. Dixon in both the Senator's Chicago and Washington, D.C. offices. He subsequently worked as a legislative assistant to U.S. Representative Charles Hatcher, focusing on the Congressman's domestic legislative positions.

He was on the Loyola University School of Law faculty for three years, teaching first-year law students legal writing and oral advocacy.

Professional Affiliations

- Loyola University Chicago School of Law, Board of Governors
- Chicago Inn of Court
- The Economic Club of Chicago
- Illinois Restaurant Association, Advisory Council

Practices

Commercial Litigation
Regulatory Investigations and Compliance Counseling
Government
Municipal and Licensing
Civil Rights and Constitutional Litigation
Sustainability & ESG

Education

J.D., Loyola University Chicago School of Law, 1995
B.A., Indiana University, 1991

Admissions

Illinois
U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois



Honors & Awards

- Recipient of the 2014 *Jury Verdict Reporter* Award for Trial Lawyer Excellence in the category of "Outstanding Defense Verdict in a Premises Liability Case"
- Selected by his peers and named by the *Chicago Daily Law Bulletin* and *Chicago Lawyer Magazine* as one of the top "40 Illinois Attorneys Under Forty to Watch," 2003
- Recognized as a Leading Lawyer in the categories of Governmental, Municipal, Lobbying & Administrative Law, and Commercial Litigation

Representative Matters

Throughout his career, Bob has been involved in several high-profile cases, including:

- As lead attorney, defended the Cook County Jail's COVID mitigation policies against federal constitutional attack by the Northwestern University MacArthur Justice Center.
- Defense of Michael J. Madigan in Federal lawsuit *Gonzalez v. Madigan* (2017); *et al.*
- Successful prosecution of effort to prevent an unconstitutional petition for an amendment to propose an alternative method for the Illinois redistricting process in *Hooker et al., Appellees, v. Illinois State Board of Elections et al.* (Support Independent Maps, Appellant). 63 NE3d 824 and 407 Ill.Dec. 392 (2016)
- Successfully defended the Cook County Sheriff's office against a constitutional class action by Northwestern University MacArthur Justice Center against Cook County Jail practices in *Hudson, et al. v. Cook County Sheriff.*
- Successful trial defense of Chicago White Sox security policies in *Uhler v. Chicago White Sox.*
- Successful trial defense of Chicago police officer in federal civil rights lawsuit *Buchanan v. Officer Hammermeister.*
- Represented two U.S. Congressmen in a lawsuit by Illinois Republicans challenging the congressional map drawn by Illinois Democrats in *Judy Biggert, et al. v. Illinois State Board of Elections, et al.*
- Lead attorney representing Cook County Sheriff in the well-known lawsuit *Michael Shakman v. Democratic Party of Cook County.*
- Represented Cook County Recorder of Deeds in *Michael Shakman v. Democratic Party of Cook County.*
- Defended the Cook County Sheriff as lead attorney in the wrongful death lawsuit *Michael Chambers v. Sheriff Sheahan*, arising from a wedding brawl at the Countryside Holiday Inn. Crain's Chicago Business identified this lawsuit as one of its most significant cases in 2007.
- Defended the State of Illinois highway construction program for minority and disadvantaged businesses against federal constitutional attack in *Northern Contracting v. IDOT.*
- Defended the Illinois State Treasurer in a constitutional class action lawsuit in *Canel v. Rutherford.*
- Lead attorney representing the Chicago White Sox in a lawsuit brought by former Kansas City Royals coach Thomas Gamboa and based upon an attack by father and son spectators during a game at U.S. Cellular Field.
- Defended the White Sox in the Illinois Appellate Court in both *Mazin v. Chicago White Sox* and *Marianne Fricano v. Chicago White Sox, et al.*
- Lead trial attorney successfully defending White Sox ballpark security practices in *Shugrue v. Chicago White Sox.*
- Trial attorney in the successful defense of the State of Illinois Sexually Violent Persons Commitment Program against constitutional attack brought by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) in *Hargett v. Department of Human Services.*

Publications

- "Finding the Fun at the Firm," *Chicago Lawyer Magazine*, July 2015
- "Rules of the Game: For Running Back, Court Appeal Is 4th-and-Long," *Chicago Lawyer Magazine*, February 2015



- "Rules of the Game: Caffeine Buzz More Than a Pick-Me-Up – New Forms of the Drug May Bring Much-Needed Regulation," *Chicago Lawyer Magazine*, October 2014
- "Rules of the Game: Pot and Professional Sports?," *Chicago Lawyer Magazine*, April 2014
- "Rules of the Game: Vegas, Baby - States Want Sports Betting," *Chicago Lawyer Magazine*, September 2013
- "Garden State Fights for Sports Betting," *Chicago Daily Law Bulletin*, April 23, 2013
- "Rules of the Game: Consequences of Armstrong's 'Confession'," *Chicago Lawyer Magazine*, March 2013
- "Armstrong Fallout Affects Many Areas," *Chicago Daily Law Bulletin*, December 4, 2012
- "Rules of the Game: Concussion Lawsuits Face Court Hurdles," *Chicago Lawyer Magazine*, November 2012
- "Rules of the Game: Vilma May Shed Light on NFL Investigation," *Chicago Lawyer Magazine*, July 2012
- "NCAA Reacts to Social Media Reality," *Chicago Daily Law Bulletin*, July 10, 2012
- "Rules of the Game: Bounty Program Increases Focus on Injuries," *Chicago Lawyer Magazine*, May 2012
- "Saints Get Hit With New Allegations," *Chicago Daily Law Bulletin*, May 8, 2012
- "Concussion Controversy May Play Out in the Legal System," *Chicago Daily Law Bulletin*, March 13, 2012
- "Rules of the Game: Different Takes on Toradol," *Chicago Lawyer Magazine*, March 2012
- "Hurd's Arrest May Lead to Larger Fallout of Other NFL Players, Teams," *Chicago Daily Law Bulletin*, January 10, 2012
- "NBA Players, Owners Prepare to Salvage Season With New Agreement," *Chicago Daily Law Bulletin*, November 29, 2011