



## **Richard C. Robinson**

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Richard C. Robinson practices in the area of business litigation including the litigation of construction and employment disputes. He heads the firm's Construction Law and Litigation Section. He has successfully resolved hundreds of business litigation cases, both through trial and settlement.

### **Practice Areas**

Appellate; Construction; Insurance; Labor, Employment Law and Employee Benefits; Labor and Employment Counseling, Training and Litigation; Litigation; Securities and Antitrust Litigation; Business Disputes; Intellectual Property Litigation

### **Experience**

- Won an eight day arbitration trial for respondents, a Fortune 500 company and its subsidiary, defeating a claim by individuals who sold their business to respondents that respondents prevented the claimants from earning their so-called \$3 million "earn out"/additional purchase price
- Obtained a million dollar verdict for a milk processor in a hotly contested breach of a requirements contract case against a large convenience store chain
- Successful defense of a construction surety in a litigation involving the construction of the Connecticut Financial Center in New Haven, *Fisher Skylights, Inc. v. CFC Const. Limited Partnership*, 79 F.3d 9 (2d Cir. 1996)
- Preservation of \$32 million in insurance coverage for an asbestos manufacturer in a litigation brought against it by the Connecticut Insurance Guaranty Association, *Connecticut Insurance Guaranty Ass'n. v. Raymark Corp.*, 215 Conn. 224, 575 A.2d 693 (1990)
- Successful defense of the state of Connecticut, as an employer, in a class action brought by 73 judges of the Superior Court challenging the constitutionality of the judges' salary statute, *Eielson v. Parker*, 179 Conn. 552, 427 A.2d 814 (1980)
- As co-counsel with a lawyer from another firm, successfully settled a series of lawsuits for a Connecticut municipality and its employee retirement plans to recover investment losses occasioned by the infamous Bernard L. Madoff Ponzi scheme; the total recovery was almost \$16 million

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- Won a three-week trial for a Connecticut municipality in the Superior Court Complex Litigation Docket, defeating a trade contractor's seven-figure delay claim

### Bar and Court Admissions

Connecticut

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

U.S. District Court, District of Connecticut

U.S. Tax Court

### Clerkships

Law clerk to the Honorable Elmer W. Ryan, an associate justice of the Connecticut Supreme Court

### Education

University of Connecticut School of Law, J.D., with honors, 1971; editor, *Connecticut Law Review*

University of Pennsylvania, B.A., 1967

### Publications

The Muddled Law on "English Only" Rules

*Connecticut Law Tribune*, 07.27.2015

A Key Decision on Delay-Causing Conduct

*Connecticut Law Tribune*, 11.10.2014

Connecticut Supreme Court Chimes in on Insurance Coverage For Construction Defects

*Connecticut Law Tribune*, 11.11.2013

An Avenue for Subcontractors to Settle Claims

*Connecticut Law Tribune*, 11.01.2010

Seeking Remedies in Non-Compete Cases

*Connecticut Law Tribune*, 01.25.2010

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Can Consequential Damages Be Waived Mutually  
*The Connecticut Law Tribune*, 09.18.2006

### **Alerts and Newsletters**

Executive Order 10E and the Municipal Budget Process in 2021: Similar (But Not Quite Back) to "Normal"  
04.13.2021

Recent Changes to CDC Guidance May Allow Employers to Safely Return Employees Exposed to COVID-19 to Work in Fewer Than 14 Days  
12.14.2020

The Connecticut Supreme Court Expands Test for Insurer's Duty to Defend an Insured Contractor  
12.10.2020

One Size Doesn't Fit All: New EEOC Guidance Cautions Employers to Take an Individualized Approach in Returning 'At-Risk' Employees to Work in the Wake of COVID-19  
05.27.2020

Broker Beware: As Volatile Market Customer Arbitrations Spike, Who is Looking Out for Your BrokerCheck® Reporting Record?  
05.26.2020

### **Professional Affiliations**

American Bar Association - Litigation Section; Employment Law Section; Forum Committee on Construction Industry

Connecticut Bar Association - Executive Committee, Construction Law Section; Employment Law Section

Connecticut Bar Foundation - James W. Cooper Fellow

Frequent speaker at construction law seminars and publishes in the field

### **Community Involvement**

Greater Hartford Jewish Community Center - life director, former president and chairman of the board; recipient of the Center's Outstanding Leadership Award

Hebrew Health Care - chairman of the board; member, Executive Committee; board of trustees

Greater Hartford Legal Aid Foundation - board of directors

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### Honors & Recognitions

Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* in the area of litigation - construction since 2010

Selected to *Super Lawyers* list since 2006 in the areas of business litigation, construction litigation and employment & labor

2015 Lexology Client Choice Award - Connecticut Litigation

Named one of Greater Hartford's "Top Attorneys" by *Hartford Magazine*, 2011 & 2012

Appointed by the judges of the Federal District Court in Connecticut as a special master, he regularly serves in that capacity in employment and construction cases

Received the highest peer review rating by Martindale-Hubbell (AV)

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