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Overview

Roger Kobert is a trial attorney with more than 30 years' experience representing foreign and domestic businesses, governments, and individuals in litigation and appeals. He also serves as a U.S. law expert witness in foreign court proceedings, advises foreign governments on matters of U.S. law, and leads cross-border, multinational, and domestic dispute resolution teams.

Roger handles matters involving banking, directors and officers liability, commercial disputes, foreign sovereign immunity, insurance, real estate, antitrust, section 1782, and labor and employment.

He has tried dozens of cases to verdict, argued appeals in federal and state courts across the United States, and arbitrated and mediated many more. Roger's notable work includes serving as lead counsel in litigation against a former head of state for crimes against humanity; establishing a new standard for franchisor tort immunity in the Florida Supreme Court; securing the release of foreign governmental assets frozen by the Office of Foreign Assets Control; and representing military contractors in a high-profile, multinational partnership litigation trial.

Roger is board certified in International Litigation and Arbitration by the Florida Bar and serves on the bar committee writing the certification exam for aspiring candidates. He is also a past chairman of the International Law Section of the Federal Bar Association and active in the American Bar Association's International Law and Litigation sections.

Experience

- *Emami v. Progressive Brands Inc.*, 225 So. 3d 983 (Fla. 3d DCA 2017).
- *Nuss v. Sabad*, No. 7:10-cv-00279, 2016 WL 4098606 (N.D.N.Y. July 28, 2016); 976 F. Supp. 2d 231 (N.D.N.Y. 2013); 2011 U.S. Dist. Lexis 157287 (N.D.N.Y. 2011).
- *Doe v. De Leon*, 555 F. App'x 84 (2d. Cir. 2014).
- *Ochoa v. Empresas ICA, S.A.B. de C.V.*, No. 1:11-cv-23898, 2012 WL 3260324 (S.D. Fla. Aug. 8, 2012).
- *CareerFairs.com v. United Bus. Media LLC*, 838 F. Supp. 2d 1316 (S.D. Fla. 2011).
- *De Vexelman v. Safra Nat'l Bank of N.Y.*, 61 So. 3d 1131 (Fla. 3d DCA 2011).
- *JMT Events, Inc. v. Azoulay Enters., Inc.*, No. 1:08-cv-22428, 2009 WL 1311189 (S.D. Fla. May 11, 2009).
- *In re Xavier*, No. 05-12218, 2006 WL 858489 (11th Cir. Apr. 4, 2006).
- *Kahan Novoa v. Safra Nat'l Bank of N.Y.*, 313 F. Supp. 2d 1347 (S.D. Fla. 2003).
- *Lane v. Provident Life & Accident Ins. Co.*, 178 F. Supp. 2d 1281 (S.D. Fla. 2001).
- *Taran v. Blue Cross Blue Shield of Fla., Inc.*, 685 So. 2d 1004 (Fla. 3d DCA 1997).
- *Lowe Inv. Corp. v. Clemente*, 685 So. 2d 84 (Fla. 2d DCA 1996).
- *Mobil Oil Corp. v. Bransford*, 648 So. 2d 119 (Fla. 1995).
- *PaineWebber Income Props. Three Ltd. P'ship v. Mobil Oil Corp.*, 902 F. Supp. 1514 (M.D. Fla. 1995).

Areas of Focus

Practices

- Litigation and Trials
- Life, Annuity, and Retirement Solutions
- Real Estate
- Labor & Employment
- Mass Tort and Product Liability
- Appellate & Trial Support
- Environmental Regulation & Litigation
- International
- Creditors' Rights and Bankruptcy
- Distressed Asset and Workout
- Real Property Litigation

Industries

- Life, Annuity, and Retirement Solutions
- Real Estate
- Property & Casualty Insurance
- Life, Annuity, and Retirement Solutions

- Life, Annuity, and Retirement Litigation
- International Litigation & Arbitration
- Investment Funds
- Investment and Ownership
- International Insurance Regulatory
- Alternative Dispute Resolution Services
- Antitrust and Trade Regulation
- Aviation
- Trade Secrets / Noncompete Litigation and Consulting
- Discrimination
- Sales Practices – Market Conduct Litigation
- Eminent Domain
- Class Actions

News

09.22.2023

Carlton Fields Attorneys Named to 2023 New York Metro Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists

06.14.2022

Carlton Fields' Roger S. Kobert Appointed Chair of The Florida Bar International Litigation & Arbitration Board Certification Committee

08.16.2021

9th Circ. Moves Needle In Favor Of Foreign Insurers

07.01.2021

Carlton Fields' Roger S. Kobert Named Vice Chair of The Florida Bar International Litigation and Arbitration Certification Committee

06.24.2021

Carlton Fields' Roger Kobert Featured in Media for Board Certification in International Litigation and Arbitration

06.09.2020

Carlton Fields Adds International Attorney Roger Kobert

05.27.2020

International Litigator Roger S. Kobert Joins Carlton Fields

Recognition

- Board Certified by the Florida Bar in International Litigation and Arbitration
- AV Rated by Martindale-Hubbell
- *The Best Lawyers in America*, International Arbitration - Commercial (2023–2024)
- New York Metro Super Lawyers, *Super Lawyers Magazine* (2022–2023)
- Florida Super Lawyers, *Super Lawyers Magazine* (2017–2022)
- Florida Legal Elite, *Florida Trend Magazine* (2009–present)
- Top Commercial and Business Lawyers, *The American Lawyer* (2012–present)

Professional & Community Involvement

- American Bar Association
 - The Fellows of the American Bar Foundation
 - International Law Section
- Federal Bar Association
 - International Law Section
 - Chair (2018–2019)
 - Vice Chair (2017–2018)
 - Treasurer (2015–2017)
 - National Task Force on Diversity and Inclusion (2018–present)
- The Florida Bar
 - International Litigation and Arbitration Certification Committee (2018–present)
 - Chair (2022–2023)
 - Vice Chair (2021–2022)
- The Florida Bar Foundation

Speaking Engagements

- "Paradise Recouped? Impact of Helms-Burton Title III Activation on Expropriated Cuban Property," ABA International Law Section Annual Meeting (June 30, 2020)

Credentials

Education

- University of Miami School of Law (J.D., 1988)
- University of Pennsylvania (B.A., 1985)

Bar Admissions

- Florida
- New York

Industry Specialization

Certifications

- International Litigation & Arbitration

Court Admissions

- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Florida
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Florida
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York