

Practice Areas

- Litigation
- Corporate
- Labor and Employment
- Banking and Finance

Education

- J.D., Washington and Lee University School of Law, Cum Laude, 1985
- A.B., Princeton University, Magna Cum Laude, 1982

Bar Admissions

- New York (1986)
- New Jersey (2002)
- Virginia (1987)
- District of Columbia (1986)
- U.S. Supreme Court (1997)
- U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Second (1987), Third (2001), Eighth (2000) and D.C. (1996) Circuits
- U.S. District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York (1986), the District of New Jersey (2003) and the District of D.C. (1995)

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Robert W. Ray is a partner in Pryor Cashman's Litigation Group, with special emphasis on white collar criminal defense, corporate governance and compliance, internal investigations and general litigation, including civil RICO and commercial fraud. Bob's experience and expertise include matters involving securities regulation, commodities trading, insurance transactions, money laundering, forfeiture, the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, the Bank Secrecy Act, environmental compliance, health care fraud, antitrust, the False Claims Act and the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act. He has also litigated at all levels in New York state courts. For a list of Bob's representative matters, please [click here](#).

Bob joined the Independent Counsel's office in Washington, D.C. in 1995 and succeeded Kenneth Starr as Independent Counsel in October 1999. While Independent Counsel, Bob was responsible for, among other things, the *In re Madison Guaranty* investigations, which concluded with published final reports on matters involving FBI files, the White House Travel Office, Whitewater and Monica Lewinsky. Prior to succeeding Starr, Bob supervised, conducted and participated in complex, long-term and multi-defendant federal prosecutions involving public corruption, organized crime, violent crime and narcotics trafficking at all levels and stages in federal courts. [Click here](#) for a list of reported decisions.

From 1989 through 1995, Bob was an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York. Prior to that he was a judicial law clerk for the Honorable Frank X. Altamari in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

Bob is a 1985 *cum laude* graduate of Washington and Lee University School of Law, where he was a member of the *Washington and Lee Law Review*, was chosen as the best oralist at the John W. Davis Moot Court Competition (as well as being runner-up for best brief), and was a quarter finalist in the William and Mary Moot Court Competition. During 2004-2007, Bob served on Washington & Lee's alumni advisory body as a member of the Law Council.

Bob is frequently called upon by the press to comment upon criminal and other matters. To read samples of such press coverage, please [click here](#).

Previous Positions

- Kelley Drye & Warren LLP, Partner (2005-06)
- Day Pitney, Partner (2002-05)
- Independent Counsel's Office, Washington, D.C., Independent Counsel (1999-2002), Senior Litigation Counsel (1999), Deputy Independent Counsel, Chief Associate and Counselor (1995-98)
- U.S. Attorney's Office, Southern District of New York, Assistant U.S. Attorney (1989-95)
- Honorable Frank X. Altimari, U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit, Law Clerk (1987-89)
- Sidley Austin Brown & Wood LLP, Associate (1985-87), Summer Associate (1984)

Publications

- Co-author (with M. Dunworth & E. Woldenberg), Internal Revenue Service Announces New Offshore Voluntary Disclosure Initiative, Pryor Cashman Legal Update (February 2011)
- Author, *When Bad Things Happen To Good Companies And Banks*, Pryor Cashman Legal Update (August 2007)
- Author, Case Comments and Note (civil RICO), Vol. 41, *Washington and Lee Law Review*
- Co-Author (with A. Robert Pietrzak), *Private Litigation Involving Insider Trading*, *The Review of Securities & Commodities Regulation* (March 1987)
- Also published as an op-ed contributor to *The New York Times*

Distinctions

- Named as "Super Lawyer" in Criminal Defense: White Collar Law by *New York Super Lawyers – Metro Edition* magazine (2011 edition)

Speaking Engagements

In connection with his service as Independent Counsel and its aftermath, Bob has appeared as a commentator or otherwise on Sunday talk and related political programs on all of the major television and cable networks, including:

- ABC Good Morning America
- Bill O'Reilly Factor
- CBS Early Show
- CNN Late Edition/Situation Room with Wolf Blitzer
- Fox News Sunday
- Hannity & Colmes
- Jon Stewart Show
- NBC Nightly News
- Nightline with Ted Koppel

- PBS NewsHour with Jim Lehrer
- This Week with George Stephanopoulos
- Tim Russert hosting Meet the Press

Professional Affiliations

- American Bar Association
- Federal Bar Council, 2d Circuit
- Association of the Federal Bar of New Jersey
- Federalist Society
- Criminal Justice Act Panel, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, Member (2010-12)
- Criminal Justice Act Panel, U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey, Member (2003-09)
- Washington and Lee University, Law Council (2003-07)

Other Activities

- Bob has been selected to appear in the 2011 edition of *Who's Who in America*
- Bob was a candidate for the 2002 Republican nomination for U.S. Senate (New Jersey)

News

- Partner Robert Ray Speaks to CFA Magazine About SEC Deferred-Prosecution Agreement
- Partner Robert Ray Speaks To Wall Street Journal About AIG Filing Suit Against Fed
- Partner Robert Ray Discusses Hedge Fund Founder Raj Rajaratnam's Recent Sentencing
- Partner Robert Ray Speaks To New York Post About The Sentencing of Hedge Fund Founder, Raj Rajaratnam
- 30 Pryor Cashman Attorneys Selected as NYC Super Lawyers
- Partner Robert Ray Speaks to Wall Street Journal About Ponzi Charges Brought Against French Bank Société Générale
- Partners Stephen Goodman and Robert Ray Author Legal Update About SEC Adoption of Final Rules To Establish Whistleblower Program
- Partner Robert Ray Speaks to New York Post About Use of RICO to Fight Wall Street Crime
- Partner Robert Ray Interviewed by NBC for Segment on Madoff Fraud
- Partners Dunworth, Ray and Woldenberg Author Legal Update on New Offshore Voluntary Disclosure Initiative
- Partner Robert Ray Speaks at White Collar Roundtable Discussion About Politics, Prosecution and Perspective

- Partner Robert Ray Speaks to Wall Street Journal About Agreement by Countrywide's Mozilo to Pay \$67.5 Million to Settle Civil Fraud and Insider-Trading Charge
- Partner Robert Ray Discusses Sentencing Guidelines and Wiretap Rules With Law360
- Partner Robert Ray Appears on NBC's Today Show to Discuss Blagojevich Conviction
- Partner Robert Ray Speaks to Reuters About Swiss Parliament's Approval of UBS-US Tax Deal
- Partner Robert Ray's Role in Resolution of President Clinton Issues Noted on Chris Matthews Hardball
- 8 Pryor Cashman Attorneys Named "Empire State Counsel" for Pro Bono Efforts
- Partner Robert Ray Appears on NBC to Discuss Bernard Kerik Bail Revocation
- Partner Robert Ray Aids Death Row Inmate in Obtaining Petition of Habeas Corpus
- Partner Robert Ray Quoted by Washington Post and L.A. Times in Article About UBS Disclosure of Secret Account Holders
- Partner Robert Ray Quoted in USA Today Article About Madoff Financial Aide
- Partner Robert Ray Interviewed by WNBC About Somalian Piracy Case
- Pryor Cashman Represents Indigent Defendant in Case Involving Viability of Fourth Amendment Exclusionary Rule
- Partner Robert Ray is Interviewed by NBC About Madoff Hearing
- Partner Robert Ray Appears on Bloomberg News to Discuss Dreier Complaint
- Partner Robert Ray Appears on NBC News to Discuss Spitzer Investigation
- Partner Robert Ray Quoted by Wall Street Journal in Article About Cuomo Probe of Arbitron
- Partner Robert Ray Quoted By Bloomberg.com in Article About Potential Merrill Lynch/Cuomo Litigation
- Partner Robert Ray Quoted in Article About Search for Samuel Israel III
- Partner Robert Ray Speaks About KMPG/New Century Situation on CNBC
- Partner Robert Ray Appears on MSNBC to Discuss Spitzer Resignation
- Partner Robert Ray Comments on Amnesty Offered by DOJ for Antitrust Violations
- Partner Robert Ray Makes Presentation on When Bad Things Happen to Good Companies And Banks

Events

- Pryor Cashman Announces Sponsorship Of DealFlow Media Beijing Conference