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Bob is a Partner in the Logistics & Transportation practice in the Boston office.



Industries

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Practices

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Suffolk University Law School JD, cum laude, 1998
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Bob has over 20 years of experience in the logistics and transportation industry, both international and domestic, with an expertise in managing a diverse range of corporate and regulatory issues, including complex commercial agreements, labor and employment matters, global trade compliance and investigations, aviation and maritime regulatory matters, and traditional legal and insurance matters.

Previous Work

Before joining Arent Fox, Bob was general counsel of the Americas region of The Panalpina Group, a Swiss-based global transportation and logistics provider. As an executive team member at Panalpina, Bob was deeply involved in company strategy and provided legal, business, and risk management advice to C-level decision makers. In addition, Bob directed all phases of affirmative and defensive litigation matters at Panalpina, including multi-million dollar commercial disputes with customers and actions by individual claimants. Prior to his role at Panalpina, Bob served as Corporate Counsel – North America for Kuehne + Nagel Inc., another market leader in the international freight forwarding industry, and as an attorney for the Federal Aviation Administration.

Publications, Presentations and Recognitions

Bob's presentations include:

- “COVID-19 Global Trade Webinar Series: Financial Programs Under the CARES Act,” Massachusetts Export Center, April 9, 2020.
- “Cargo Insurance: Transferring the Risk,” 2020 AirCargo Conference, Nashville, Tennessee, January 26 - 28, 2020
- “Changes in the logistic environment – consequences for the international supply chain, trade, and

customs,” IBA International Sales and Distribution Conference: digital operations – manufacturing, supply chains and transportation in a digital environment, Hamburg, Germany, November 13 - 14, 2020

Bar Admissions

Massachusetts

Connecticut