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Rob Bilott is a partner at Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP, where he has practiced in the Environmental and Litigation practice groups of the law firm's Cincinnati, Ohio, and Northern Kentucky offices for over 29 years, representing a diverse array of clients from individuals, water suppliers, and governmental entities, to multinational corporations. Rob brought the very first PFAS environmental exposure case in 1999 that resulted in the discovery and public disclosure of PFOA in American drinking water supplies. That discovery spurred national regulatory interest and investigation into PFAS and his filing in 2001 of the nation's first class action litigation on behalf of individuals exposed to PFAS in their drinking water, and eventually the country's first trials and jury verdicts on behalf of those injured by PFAS contamination.

To date, Rob has helped secure over \$1 Billion in benefits for his clients harmed by PFAS exposures all across the country, including a class settlement in 2004 for PFOA drinking water contamination with class member benefits valued at over \$300 million, and a 2017 global settlement of various individual PFOA personal injury claims, valued at over \$670 million. In 2017, Rob was a recipient of the international Right Livelihood Award, also known as the "Alternative Nobel Prize," for his work on PFAS contamination issues.

Rob remains involved in a variety of PFAS litigation matters across the country, including serving as Co- Lead Counsel for the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee in the C-8 Personal Injury Litigation MDL proceedings in federal court in Ohio involving PFOA-related personal injury claims, and serving as Advisory Counsel to the Plaintiffs' Executive Committee and Co-Chair of the Science Committee in the recently formed AFFF (PFAS-based firefighting foam) MDL proceedings in federal court in South Carolina. Mr. Bilott is also a frequent speaker and lecturer on PFAS issues at legal, scientific, regulatory, and educational venues across the country and internationally.

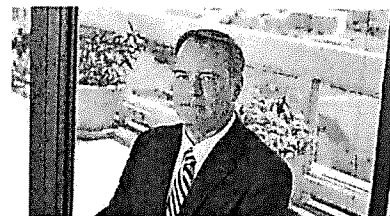
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A seasoned litigator, Rob represents a diverse range of clients on a wide variety of matters involving federal, state and local environmental laws. For more than 27 years, he has handled environmental issues of regulatory compliance, permitting and corporate/real estate transactions, as well as all aspects of litigation arising from such issues, from administrative hearings to multi-party, complex multi-district litigation, mass torts and class actions.

Rob is a cornerstone of Taft's Environmental, Litigation and Product Liability and Personal Injury teams. With an aptitude for handling complex and nuanced matters, Rob's work has kept him at the forefront of environmental and regulatory litigation, mass tort, and compliance issues. He has handled matters involving highly complex and emerging scientific issues with some of the nation's leading medical, technical, scientific and regulatory experts and advisors. Such matters have included hazardous, solid, medical and infectious wastes, emerging and unregulated chemicals, per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), such as PFOA and PFOS, air and water pollution and permitting, medical monitoring, brownfield redevelopment, landfill regulation and permitting, wastewater treatment, and chemical risk assessment, regulation and testing.

During his time at Taft, Rob has sought out and defended against class certification, has presented and defended against challenges to expert testimony under *Daubert* and, in perhaps his most widely known case, has served as co-lead counsel of the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee in multi-district litigation involving thousands of individuals with serious disease claims attributable to their exposure to PFOA (C8) released into their drinking water by DuPont.

Rob has proudly represented Taft and his community as a board member of Less Cancer, as a member of the Cincinnati Academy of Leadership for Lawyers (CALL) Class V and as a former chair of the Cincinnati Bar Association's Environmental Law Committee. He received his undergraduate degree from New College

Practices

Class Action, Derivative and Multi-Party Litigation
Environmental Litigation
Product Liability and Personal Injury
Environmental Regulatory
Environmental
Commercial Litigation
Environmental Transactional Services
Crisis Management
Pharmaceutical and Life Sciences Litigation

Education

The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law (1990)
New College (1987)

Admissions

Federal - Southern District of Ohio
Federal - 4th Circuit Court of Appeals
Federal - 6th Circuit Court of Appeals
State - Ohio
State - Kentucky
Federal - Eastern District of Kentucky

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and earned his J.D., *cum laude*, from the Ohio State University College of Law, where he served as managing editor of the *Law Journal*.

Rob is a Fellow in the Right Livelihood College and an Honorary Professor at the National University of Cordoba in Argentina. The following eight institutions represent the Right Livelihood College worldwide:

- Lund University (Sweden).
- Addis Ababa University (Ethiopia).
- University of Port Harcourt (Nigeria).
- Universidad Austral de Chile (Chile).
- University of California Santa Cruz (USA).
- University of Bonn (Germany).
- Tata Institute of Social Sciences (India).
- National University of Cordoba (Argentina).

Awards

- MVP for Class Action Honoree, *Law360* (2017)
- Class Action Honoree, Kentucky *Super Lawyers* (2017 - present)
- Honoree, *Best Lawyers in America*[®], Environmental Law, Litigation - Environmental (2010 - present)
- Leading Lawyer Honoree, *Cincy Magazine*, Environmental Law (2008 - present)
- Top Local Plaintiff Litigation Star Honoree, *Benchmark Plaintiff* (2011 – present)
- Top 100 Trial Lawyers in Ohio Honoree, National Trial Lawyers Association (2008 - present)
- Laureate, Right Livelihood Award (2017)
- AV Peer-Review Rated, Martindale-Hubbell
- Clarence Darrow Award Honoree, Mass Tort Bar (2014)
- Trial Lawyer of the Year Award Honoree, The Trial Lawyers for Public Justice Foundation (2005)
- "Giraffe Hero" Commendation Honoree, Giraffe Heroes Project (2016)
- Fellow, Right Livelihood College

- Member, The National Trial Lawyers: Class Action Trial Lawyers Association Top 25
- Fellow, American Bar Foundation
- Lawyer of the Year Honoree, *Best Lawyers in America*® (2019)

Professional Affiliations

- Cincinnati Academy of Leadership for Lawyers (CALL)
Member, Class V
- Cincinnati Bar Association
Member
Former Chair, Environmental Law Committee (2013)
- Kentucky Bar Association
Member

Community Involvement

- Less Cancer
Board Member
- Giraffe Heroes Project
"Giraffe Hero" Commendation (2016)
- Greening Our Children
"Champion for Children" Award (2016)
- Working in Neighborhoods ("WIN")
Member, WIN Hall of Fame (2016)
- Rotary Club of Cincinnati
Member
- New College Alumni/ae Association
Member, Board of Directors
- Right Livelihood College
Fellow