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Stephen Romeo is a trial attorney whose practice focuses on Complex Litigation. His experience representing the interests of various government agencies translates well to institutional representation. He believes that effective advocacy for large, institutional-level clients is best achieved by understanding the concerns and sensitivities of the organizations he represents.

Background

Prior to joining Thompson Coe, Steve served as a Judge Advocate in the U.S. Army. During his last three years there, Steve was responsible for prosecuting members of international terrorist groups under the Military Commissions Act in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. In that role, Steve's efforts resulted in the first conviction of a High-Value Detainee for war crimes and helped another high-profile capital terrorist case move closer to a conclusion at any time since litigation commenced more than ten years ago.

Before Steve's work as a prosecutor, he represented more than 300 soldiers accused of violations of the Uniform Code of Military Justice before all trial courts and administrative boards in the Army. During the war, he also served as the chief legal advisor to a commander of 4,000 soldiers in Kandahar, Afghanistan. Before his military career, Steve managed a successful solo law practice focusing on civil and criminal litigation, which included representing individuals, corporations, and indigent criminal clients. With this diverse range of clients, Steve can handle most matters.

Representative Experience

Secured the first conviction of a High-Value Detainee under the Military Commissions Act of 2009 for Murder, Attempted Murder, Conspiracy, and Spying in the 2003 bombing of the J.W. Marriott Hotel in Jakarta, Indonesia and other war crimes.

U.S. v. Majid Shoukat Khan

Member of the prosecution team of the accused mastermind of the U.S.S. Cole bombing, which killed 18 U.S. Navy sailors in the Aden, Yemen, in 2000. Received a commendation from the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation for efforts in advancing the litigation of this case
U.S. v. Abd al-Rahim Hussein Muhammad al-Nashiri

Related Services

General Liability/Catastrophic Injury

Education, Admissions & Activities

EDUCATION

Widener University School of Law
J.D., 2007

Villanova University
B.A., 1992

BAR ADMISSIONS

Texas
2022

District of Columbia
2020

Georgia
2017

West Virginia
2015

North Carolina
2011

Pennsylvania
2007

COURT ADMISSIONS

United States District Court of West Virginia
Southern District

United States District Court of North Carolina

Western and Middle Districts

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Army National Guard

Major