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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 translated well to institutional representation. He believes that effective and aggressive advocacy for large, institutional-level clients is best achieved by understanding the concerns and sensitivities of the organizations he represents.

Background

Before joining the firm, 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. They helped bring another high-profile capital terrorist case closer to a conclusion, which had been pending for more than ten years since litigation commenced.

Before his 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

Obtained a successful summary judgment dismissing multinational oil services company in catastrophic personal injury lawsuit in the Permian Basin.

Negotiated a significantly reduced settlement for pipeline construction company with midstream company in Lea County, New Mexico involving a water break causing millions of dollars of remediation work.

Obtained a successful summary judgment in malicious prosecution lawsuit involving a client valet company in Fort Worth, Texas.

Involved in successful negotiation in resolution of client crane and trucking services operator in multi-vehicle collision in Hardin County, Texas for a settlement significantly lower than high seven-figure initial demand from five separate plaintiffs.

Successfully received a nonsuit with prejudice for a trucking broker client in a catastrophic trucking accident in Wharton County, Texas.

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](#)

Provided representation to over 15 high-ranking military officers (Lieutenant Colonel and Higher) that were the subjects of government investigations by the Department of Defense Inspector General, Department of the Army Inspector General, and others.

Represented the United States Government and individual clients in over 125 administrative hearings and 20 courts-martial military trials.

Served as the legal advisor on over 200 government investigations.

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

United States District Court of Texas

Eastern and Southern

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Texas Army National Guard

Lieutenant Colonel