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Robert leverages his wide-ranging environmental background to counsel clients on complex product stewardship matters.

He maintains an active regulatory practice focused on product stewardship issues, including product development and premarket approval, chemical and materials restrictions, reporting obligations, and labeling. His work involves matters of regulatory compliance, permitting, legislative and rulemaking advocacy, and internal investigations and audits. Robert has experience advising clients on matters concerning the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), such as chemical imports and exports, premanufacture notifications, significant new use notices, confidential business information claims, and voluntary self-disclosures of violations under the statute. He likewise has assisted clients with navigating the TSCA rules on persistent, bioaccumulative, and toxic (PBT) chemicals, asbestos reporting, and per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) reporting. Robert also frequently advises on U.S. state and international chemical laws and regulations.

In addition, Robert focuses on corporate sustainability issues, including transactional projects involving carbon offsets. This work capitalizes on Robert's prior role as a Sustainability Consultant with a sustainability consulting group. In that role, he spearheaded research and development on standards for carbon accounting, calculated carbon footprints, advised on carbon reduction strategies, and booked carbon offsets through a SaaS platform.

Robert also previously worked as an Environmental Associate at an international law firm where his practice involved a range of compliance counseling and litigation under major environmental statutes, including the Clean Air Act (CAA); Clean Water Act (CWA); Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA); Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA); and TSCA. He also conducted environmental due diligence in multimillion-dollar and billion-dollar corporate transactions. Before becoming an attorney, Robert worked as a Forester with the Florida Forest Service.

Education

- The Ohio State University (B.S., *summa cum laude*, 2016)
  - Honors Research Distinction in Forestry, Fisheries & Wildlife
- University of Virginia School of Law (J.D., 2020)
  - *Virginia Environmental Law Journal*, Production Editor

- Bob Barker Prize in Animal Law, Ethics and Rights

Bar Admissions

- District of Columbia
- Georgia

Certifications

- University of Virginia Certificate in Sustainable Business, *With Distinction*

Academic Publications

- Essay, *Opportunities for Artificial Intelligence in Environmental Compliance*, 52 Environmental Law 99 (2022).
- Note, *Ethical Considerations for the Use of Gene Drives in Wildlife*, 39 Virginia Environmental Law Journal 120 (2021).
- *Contractor Liability Under CERCLA*, 40 Construction Law 31 (2020).

Publications

September 23, 2024
2024 Chemical Data Reporting Deadline Extended by EPA
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September 4, 2024
EPA Announces 8-Month Delay in Submission Window for TSCA PFAS Reporting Rule
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March 25, 2024
What's New? Fifth Circuit Invalidates EPA Orders on Significant "New" Uses
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Updated February 26, 2024
EPA Adopts PFAS Reporting Requirements Applicable to Article Importers and Chemical Manufacturers
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January 8, 2024
Maine DEP Requests Proposals on Currently Unavoidable Uses of PFAS in Products
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November 30, 2023
EPA Proposes Revisions to PBT Rules for DecaBDE and PIP (3:1)
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October 30, 2023
EPA Proposes to Codify Changes to TSCA Risk Evaluations
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September 25, 2023
CPSC Signals Interest in PFAS in Consumer Products
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July 25, 2023
EPA Finalizes Reporting and Recordkeeping Rule for Asbestos
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June 9, 2023
Maine Amends Notification Requirement in PFAS-Containing Products Law
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