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Recent transactions include representing Stanley Works in its acquisition of Black & Decker; Frontier in its acquisition of certain businesses from Verizon; Pepsi Bottling Group in its acquisition by PepsiCo; EMBARQ in its merger with CenturyTel; Nestlé in the sale of its stake in Alcon to Novartis; Johnson & Johnson in its acquisitions of Mentor Corporation and Omrix Biopharmaceuticals, its acquisition of Pfizer's consumer healthcare businesses, its takeover battle for Guidant and its acquisitions of ALZA, Scios and Conor Medsystems; Sprint in its merger with Nextel; Brink's in its proxy fights with Pirate Capital and MMI and its spin-off of Brink's Home Security; PricewaterhouseCoopers in the sale of its consulting business to IBM; Clorox in its repurchase of shares from Henkel; Nestlé in its acquisition of Ralston Purina; and Cincinnati Bell in the sale of its directory business and its acquisition of IXC.

Bob was cited as being one of the country's leading practitioners in the mergers and acquisitions area in *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business* in 2008 and 2009 and *Chambers Global: The World's Leading Lawyers for Business* in 2008 and 2009. In addition, Chambers remarked that Cravath's M&A practice is "one of the foremost corporate firms in the country". Bob was also named by *The Best Lawyers in America* in 2009 and 2010 and *Lawdragon* magazine as one of 500 leading dealmakers and leading lawyers in America in 2007 and was ranked as a highly recommended individual in Corporate/M&A in PLC Which Lawyer? 2007.

Bob was born in New York, New York. He received an A.B., *magna cum laude*, from Harvard College in 1987, and a J.D., *magna cum laude*, from Harvard Law School in 1990 where he was Executive Editor of the Harvard Law Review. He joined Cravath in 1990 and became a partner in 1998.

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