

## Robert W. Ray, PARTNER

Robert W. Ray is a prominent litigator and former federal prosecutor and Independent Counsel for the Whitewater investigation. Bob is a respected courtroom veteran who aggressively advocates his clients' interests in white collar criminal defense matters, corporate governance and compliance issues, internal investigations, and general litigation, including civil RICO, FCA, FCPA and commercial fraud.

Bob has extensive experience as first chair, handling more than 30 federal jury trials to verdict in matters ranging from bank fraud, extortion, bribery, real property, and healthcare law to white collar criminal defense, including sophisticated prosecutions, as both a prosecutor and as a defense attorney, involving RICO, terrorism, violent crime, and public corruption offenses as well as securities and commodities fraud.

Bob joined the Independent Counsel's office in D.C. in 1995, where he supervised, conducted, and participated in complex, long-term, and multi-defendant federal prosecutions involving public corruption. As the successor to Ken Starr as head of the Office of the Independent Counsel, he investigated and issued the final reports on Whitewater, Monica Lewinsky, the White House travel office matter, and the White House FBI files controversy. Prior to joining ZEK, Bob served as a Partner in Holland & Knight's New York office. Since January 2020 when he joined ZEK, he has represented President Donald J. Trump before the United States Senate in his first impeachment trial as well as before the U.S. Supreme Court as amicus in the Colorado Supreme Court ballot access Fourteenth Amendment litigation.

Bob often provides insights on presidential, criminal and legal matters and has variously appeared on CNN, Fox News, Fox Business, MSNBC, CBS Sunday Morning, The Daily Show with Jon Stewart, NBC Nightly News, PBS Frontline, PBS NewsHour with Judy Woodruff, and ABC This Week with George Stephanopoulos, as well as on air interviews with Chris Cuomo, Dan Abrams, Wolf Blitzer, Mark Levin, Harris Faulkner, Laura Ingraham and Anderson Cooper.

Bob also is an op-ed contributor to *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Washington Post*, *Time Magazine*, and the *New York Law Journal*.

