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Robert Porter's practice focuses on white-collar criminal defense and complex civil litigation.

Bobby represents individual and corporate clients in a variety of white-collar and complex matters, including conspiracy, fraud and economic crimes, public corruption, securities and banking offenses, healthcare fraud, tax matters, and money laundering. He also advises clients in the cryptocurrency industry and helps them navigate the evolving crypto legal and regulatory landscape.

Bobby is experienced in all aspects of civil and criminal pretrial litigation, including pretrial motion practice, conducting witness interviews, drafting motions, managing document productions, and developing and implementing effective litigation strategies. In addition to his litigation practice, Bobby conducts internal investigations for corporate clients and provides compliance and regulatory advice to businesses in highly regulated industries.

While in law school, Bobby served as both a federal judicial extern to the Honorable Donald C. Nugent and a law clerk for federal prosecutors at the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Ohio. Before joining Tucker Ellis, Bobby practiced at a well-known regional law firm in Cleveland.

When not working, Bobby enjoys spending time with his family and friends on Cleveland's west side. He is often outside playing fetch with his golden retriever, Wally, or rooting for his local Cleveland sports teams (Browns included).

Education

- Cleveland State University College of Law (J.D., summa cum laude, 2019); Law Review Managing Editor; CALI® Awards: Legal Writing, Evidence, Corporate Compliance, Computers & Law (Cybercrime)
- Miami University (B.A., 2014)

State Admissions

- Ohio, 2019

Federal Admissions

- United States District Court, Northern District of Ohio
- United States District Court, Southern District of Ohio

Service Areas

- White Collar Criminal Defense & Corporate Investigations
- Business Litigation

Publications & Events

PUBLICATIONS

- “Cybercrime: The Fallout, the Failsafe, and the Fix,” *Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Journal* (November 2022)
- “The Government’s Crackdown on Crypto: When Virtual Currency Transactions are Deemed Taxable Events,” *Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Journal* (November 2021)
- “Regulated Sports Betting: Ohio’s Chance to Take a Bet on Itself,” *Cleveland State Law Review* (2019)

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- “Corporate Lawyers Beware: Why Due Diligence Is Important in Corporate/Business Transactions from a Criminal/Civil Liability Perspective,” Tucker Ellis Business Law Institute (March 2024)
- “Criminal, Tax Controversy, and Regulatory Issues for the Estate Planning Professional,” Estate Planning Council of Cleveland (April 2021)

Honors

- Ohio Super Lawyers Rising Stars® (2024, 2025)

In the Community

- Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association
 - » Leadership Academy (2023?2024)
- Federal Bar Association