

ROBERT P. WATKINS, OF COUNSEL

Robert Watkins' practice focuses on the representation of individuals and organizations in a wide variety of complex civil and criminal cases. Identified as one of "Washington's Top Lawyers" by *Washingtonian* magazine (December 2004), he has significant experience in the litigation of employment disputes, including class action race, gender, and age discrimination cases, and medical malpractice cases.

Recently, Mr. Watkins has represented one of the largest supermarket chains in the Middle Atlantic States in two separate class action race discrimination cases. He has successfully defended a major rail carrier in a class action contract dispute involving hundreds of foreign workers. He also defended that rail carrier in a class action race discrimination case involving thousands of employees and millions of dollars.

Mr. Watkins has defended one of the major auto dealerships in the Washington, D.C. area in sexual harassment, race, and age discrimination cases. He has also defended a prominent hotel corporation in a sexual harassment case and advised the hotel on its employment discrimination policies. He has represented Washington, D.C. universities in race discrimination matters, including the successful defense of a reverse race discrimination case.

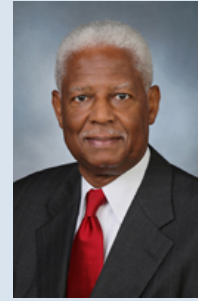
Mr. Watkins' practice also includes defending area hospitals and doctors in many cases involving claims of neuro surgical malpractice.

Mr. Watkins is a former prosecutor, having served in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia, where he tried numerous criminal cases. At Williams & Connolly LLP, he has defended persons charged with bribery, embezzlement, wire fraud, mail fraud, and antitrust violations. He has represented numerous witnesses appearing before grand juries and Congressional committees in complex criminal investigations.

In 1998, President Clinton appointed Mr. Watkins to serve as a member of the D.C. Control Board.

GOVERNMENT SERVICE

- Member, D.C. Control Board, 1998-2001



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PRACTICE AREAS

- Criminal Defense
- Employment and Labor
- General Civil Litigation
- Product Liability, Torts, and Medicine

EDUCATION AND HONORS

- Columbia Law School Fellowship to Cambridge University, Institute of Criminology, Cambridge, England, 1969-1970
- Columbia Law School, J.D., 1965
- Harvard College, A.B., 1959
- American Bar Association Standing Committee on the Federal Judiciary, 1990-1994; Chairman, 1994
- "AV-Rated" by *Martindale-Hubbell®*

BAR ADMISSIONS

- District of Columbia
- United States Supreme Court
- United States Courts of Appeals for the District of Columbia, Fourth, and Federal Circuits
- United States District Courts for the District of Columbia and Maryland

- Assistant United States Attorney, District of Columbia, 1968-1972
- Law Clerk, Judge William B. Bryant, United States District Court for the District of Columbia, 1967-1968
- Trial Attorney, Federal Maritime Commission, 1966-1967
- Trial Attorney, Civil Rights Division, United States Department of Justice, 1965-1966

PUBLICATIONS

- *A Ten-Step Approach To Avoid Sexual Harassment*, in the *Practical Lawyer* (October 2000)