



# Robert M. Cary

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## Education

- University of Virginia School of Law, J.D., 1990: Order of the Coif; Virginia Law Review
- Dartmouth College, , cum laude, 1986

## Practice Focus

- Civil Litigation and Trial Practice
- Criminal Defense and Government Investigations
- Congressional Investigations
- False Claims Act and Qui Tam
- Financial Services and Banking
- Health Care Fraud
- Law Firm Defense
- Public Corruption
- Securities Enforcement
- Securities Litigation
- State Attorneys General Investigations
- Criminal Securities and Financial Fraud
- Internal Investigations

## Recognitions



- Fellow, American College of Trial Lawyers
- Fellow, American Bar Foundation
- "Litigation: White Collar Crime & Government Investigations (D.C.)," *Chambers USA*, 2012-2025

Rob Cary is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, who has successfully tried criminal and civil cases across the country. *Chambers USA* has described Rob as an "absolutely brilliant" lawyer, who "encompasses all of Williams & Connolly's best attributes. He's aggressive, he brings the fight, and he is really, really smart." The *National Law Journal* has recognized Rob as a "Trailblazer" and one of the country's "Most Influential Lawyers."

With client permission and encouragement, Rob wrote a book about one of his trials. Bob Woodward of *The Washington Post* describes the book "Not Guilty: The Unlawful Prosecution of U.S. Senator Ted Stevens" as a "public service...a shocking, deeply sobering tale that every American worried about the concentration of power in the federal government should read and study." Barry Scheck, co-founder of the Innocence Project, describes it as a "riveting account from one of our country's great lawyers." Retired federal judge Nancy Gertner describes it as "an extraordinarily important book, a must read not only for lawyers, but federal judges."

In addition to trying cases, Rob has litigated and settled class actions, represented companies and citizens in government investigations, and led investigations for audit committees of publicly traded companies. Rob has also represented clients in a number of high-stakes appeals, including two that have gone to the Supreme Court of the United States.

Rob has been recognized as a leading lawyer in white collar crime and government investigations in the 2013-2025 editions of *Chambers USA*, as a commercial litigation local "Litigation Star" in the 2012-2025 editions of *Benchmark Litigation*; as a "National Star" in the 2015 and 2021-2025 editions of *Benchmark Litigation*; as a leading lawyer in white collar criminal defense in the 2010-21 editions of *The Best Lawyers in America*; and as the Bet-the-Company Litigation Lawyer of the Year for Washington, D.C. in the 2013 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

Rob has co-taught "Defending a Criminal Case" at Vanderbilt Law School with the Honorable Amul Thapar of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit and "Federal White-Collar Crime" and "Trial Advocacy" at Georgetown University Law Center. Rob is a frequent speaker on criminal law, legal ethics, and professional

- “National Practice Area Star,” *Benchmark Litigation*, 2015, 2021-2025
- “Local Litigation Star,” *Benchmark Litigation*, 2012-2025
- “500 Leading Litigators in America,” *Lawdragon*, 2023-2025
- Recognized as one of *The Best Lawyers in America*® for White Collar Criminal Defense, 2010-2021
- “Top Lawyer Hall of Fame,” *Washingtonian* magazine, 2022
- “White Collar Crime Trailblazer,” *The National Law Journal*, 2015
- “Bet-the-Company Litigation Lawyer of the Year for Washington, D.C.,” *The Best Lawyers in America*®, 2014
- “Most Influential Lawyers” in the area of White Collar Criminal Defense, *The National Law Journal*, 2011

#### Admissions

- District of Columbia
- Virginia
- Maryland
- New York
- United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, Third, Fourth, and Tenth Circuits
- United States District Court District of Columbia, Eastern and Western District of Virginia, Northern and Southern Districts of New York, and Eastern and Western Districts of Arkansas

responsibility. His speaking engagements have included appearances at the Sixth Circuit, Seventh Circuit, Tenth Circuit, and the District of Columbia Judicial Conferences. Rob was appointed by the Virginia Supreme Court to its faculty to teach professionalism to new lawyers.

## Resources

### Publications

- *Williams & Connolly Partners Author “Federal Criminal Discovery,” published by the American Bar Association, August 2021*
- *Problems and Changes in Criminal Procedures Resulting From COVID-19, September 2020*
- *Jury Selection 2.0: Ethical Use of the Internet to Research Jurors and Potential Jurors, December 2017*
- *Not Guilty: The Unlawful Prosecution of U.S. Senator Ted Stevens, September 2014*
- *Putting Justice Above Victory: How Congress Can Compel a Prosecutor’s Duty, October 2013*
- *Partners Rob Cary, Craig Singer, and Simon Latcovich Author “Federal Criminal Discovery”, 2011*
- *Exculpatory Evidence: A Call for Reform after the Unlawful Prosecution of Senator Ted Stevens, Summer 2010*

### Presentations

- *Rob Cary Moderates Panel on Recent Defense Victories Against DOJ, February 2025*
- *Search Warrants and Taint Teams: Re-examining the Process of Defending Clients in a Digital Age, September 2018*
- *A Lousy Deal? Defending the Transactional Malpractice Case, March 2018*
- *Technology in the Courtroom, March 2018*
- *Robert Cary Speaks on “Prosecutorial Fallibility and Accountability” Panel at the Cato Institute, November 2017*
- *Robert Cary Speaks at the ABA Southeastern White Collar Crime Institute, September 2017*
- *The Illegal Prosecution of Senator Stevens, March 2017*
- *Proffers, Jury Selection, and Preserving the Record for Appeal, March 2017*
- *Ethical Traps in Investigation: The Defense and Representation of Individuals in White Collar Cases, March 2017*

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- *Lessons from the Senator Stevens Case*: , January 2017
  - *The Over-Enforcement Boiling Point*, October 2016
  - *Electronic Discovery in Federal Criminal Enforcement and Other Developments in Criminal Discovery*, September 2016
  - *Preparing for Luck: Uncovering Discovery Misconduct In the Case of U.S. Senator Ted Stevens*, August 2016
  - *Sexual Assault on College Campuses: Balancing the Rights and Interests of the Accused and the Victim*, August 2016
  - *Not Guilty: The Unlawful Prosecution of Senator Ted Stevens*, May 2016
  - *Brady v. Maryland Is Over 50 Years Old: Is It Ailing? What's the Cure?*, April 2016
  - *Response to the Inductee Charge*, March 2016
  - *New and Evolving Strategies in Obtaining, Managing, and Challenging the Use of Electronic Data*, March 2016
  - *Superstar Trial Seminar 2015: The Stevens Case, Prosecutorial Misconduct, and Fighting for Brady Material & Discovery*, November 2015
  - *Practice Lessons Learned From The Unlawful Trial of U.S. Senator Ted Stevens*, September 2015
  - *Towards More Transparent Justice*, September 2015
  - *Electronic Communications and Data Discovery In Criminal Cases: The Bits & Bytes Required to Satisfy the Interest of Justice*, September 2015
  - *Fighting Prosecutorial Misconduct in the Defense of Senator Ted Stevens*, June 20, 2015
  - *National Cathedral School - Commencement Address*, June 2015
  - *Breaking Developments in Criminal Practice Keynote Address*, May 2015
  - *Notable Cases: The Ted Stevens Trial*, May 2015
  - *Ninth Annual Fidler Institute on Criminal Justice*, April 2015
  - *Pre-trial Motions, Discovery and Jury Selection*, March 2015
  - *The Unlawful Prosecution of Senator Ted Stevens*, February 2015
  - *Lessons from the Trial of Senator Ted Stevens*, November 2014
  - *Defending the White Collar Case: In and Out of Court*, November 2014

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- *The Effective Use of Criminal Discovery: Tactics for the Defense and the Government*, September 2011
  - *Rob Cary Presents "Lessons from the Trial of Senator Ted Stevens"*, April 2014
  - *Brady Training*, December 2013
  - *Brady and the Aftermath of USA v. Ted Stevens*, December 2013
  - *Defending Senator Ted Stevens*, April 2013
  - *Complying with Brady and Strategies For Defense Counsel*, March 2013
  - *Pre-trial Motions, Discovery and Jury Selection*, January 2013
  - *Out of Bounds; Calling Foul When the Government Violates its Discovery Obligation*, November 2012
  - *Federal Enforcement Overreach? A Look at Department of Justice Practices and Suggested Reforms*, October 2012
  - *Emerging Ethical Risks for Attorneys*, July 2012
  - *Prosecutorial Misconduct, Legal Ethics and Fair Dealing: Does the Criminal Justice System Need Reform?*, June 2012
  - *View from the Bench: Why Bad Things Happen to Good Litigators*, April 2012
  - *Perspectives of a Defense Lawyer on the Front Line*, April 2012
  - *Pre-trial Motions, Jury Selection, Opening Statements, And New Discovery*, March 2012
  - *Misconduct Report on Ted Stevens Prosecution: 'Systematic Concealment of Exculpatory Evidence'*, March 2012
  - *Federal Criminal Discovery*, January 2012
  - *Exposing the Prosecution: Lessons Learned From the Ted Stevens Trial*, November 2011
  - *The Legal Professional*, October 2011
  - *The Unlawful Trial of Senator Stevens*, April 2011
  - *Leveling the Playing Field: Uncovering and Rectifying Government Misconduct*, April 2011
  - *Public Corruption*, March 2011
  - *Preventing, Defending and Obtaining Insurance for Claims Against Law Firms*, March 2011
  - *Standards on Prosecution and Defense Function*, November 2010

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- *A Town Meeting – The State of White Collar Crime*, November 2010
  - *Auditor Liability in the Current Environment: How to Protect Yourself*, October 2010
  - *The Smoking Gun Witness – Crescendo or Crash*, June 2010
  - *Criminal Breakout: Criminal Discovery Obligations*, May 2010
  - *The Unlawful Trial of Senator Stevens*, April 2010
  - *The Duty to Disclose: Reexamining Prosecutors' Obligations under Brady v. Maryland*, April 2010
  - *Prosecutors' Ethical and Legal Obligations to Disclose Exculpatory Evidence*, March 2010
  - *Prosecutorial Misconduct*, March 2010
  - *The Unlawful Trial of Senator Stevens*, March 2010
  - *Government Misconduct: Outlier or Epidemic?*, March 2010
  - *The Unlawful Trial of Senator Stevens*, March 2010
  - *Brady and the Failure to Disclose Exculpatory Evidence*, February 2010
  - *Prosecutorial Misconduct: Brady and Beyond*, January 2010
  - *How to Combat Prosecutorial Misconduct: Lessons From the Failed Prosecution of U.S. Senator Ted Stevens*, December 2009
  - *Brady Problems and the Trial of Senator Stevens*, November 2009
  - *Town Hall Meeting: Brady Practices in State and Federal Jurisdictions*, November 2009
  - *Prosecutorial Overreaching? Implications for Our Legal System*, October 2009
  - *Choppy Waters: The Ethics of Privilege and Disclosure*, October 2009
  - *Rob Cary Presents on "Prosecutorial Misconduct"*, September 2009
  - *Hot Topics and Recent Developments in Public Corruption Investigations and Government Ethics*, July 2009
  - *International Corporate Transgressions*, January 2009