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Author of the "Litigating Bus Crash Cases" chapter of the West Publishing treatise *Litigating Truck Accident Cases*, Robert is also the Past Chair of the AAJ Trucking Litigation Group, Past Founding Chair of the AAJ Bus Litigation Group, Past Chair of the AAJ Motor Vehicle Collision, Highways and Premises Liability Section and served as 2021 Chair of the Board of Regents of the Academy of Truck Accident Attorneys.

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A prosecutor and litigator for many years, Robert has tried truck and bus cases for over four decades from coast to coast, served as plaintiffs' class counsel in multiple death bus/truck crash cases, and served as court-appointed plaintiffs' class counsel with Irving Younger in the first mass tort, wrongful death class action in the US — the Kansas City Hyatt Skywalk Disaster — representing 113 wrongful death cases and hundreds of injury cases.

Robert presently maintains an active trial docket in Texas, New Mexico, Kentucky, Ohio and California in state and federal courts. He has tried cases in several states.

Having served for several years on the Texas State Bar Disciplinary Committee, Robert served as Chair of that committee and serves as an expert witness on lawyer ethics and attorney fees. He also served as the State Bar of Texas Trial Rules Sub-Committee Chair and as a member of the Rules Committee.

A Diplomate and past member of the Board of Trustees of the National College of Advocacy, Robert created and served as course advisor of the AAJ Trucking Litigation Skills College, and he has served as Course Advisor for the AAJ Jazz Fest Seminar and various seminars for AAJ, the State Bar of Texas, and the Academy of Truck Accident Attorneys. Robert lectures and teaches regularly about traumatic brain damage and trucking cases around the country.

Robert also serves as City Attorney of Galena Park, Texas, where he grew up and was commencement speaker for the 1970 Graduating Class of Galena Park High School.