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OVERVIEW

Bob counsels energy companies and financial institutions on complex financings and securities law issues in connection with an array of energy projects.

Bob represents issuers and underwriters in connection with numerous corporate finance transactions, including initial public offerings, SEC-registered debt and equity offerings, Rule 144A transactions, project finance and acquisition finance. He integrates this transactional experience with a deep understanding of federal securities law and frequently advises energy companies regarding their disclosure obligations, as well as corporate governance issues and stock exchange listing standards.

As securities laws continue to evolve to address ESG matters, including climate change, Bob assists energy clients in understanding the arc of current and possible future regulation, and how it might impact capital raising and securities law compliance.

Industry

Energy & Natural Resources

Services

Banking & Finance
Capital Markets
Corporate
Financial Institutions M&A and Regulatory Compliance
Securities & Corporate Governance

Experience

Bob's recent transactions include:

- Represented an electric utility company in connection with its underwritten public offering of $350 million in aggregate principal amount of 5.80% Senior Notes, Series due April 1, 2055.

- Drafted and submitted a successful no-action letter to the SEC relating to the omission of a shareholder proposal for a proxy statement for an annual meeting of shareholders.
- Represented an electric utility company in connection with issuance of $47 million of tax-exempt pollution control revenue refunding bonds.
- Represented an electric utility company in connection with its underwritten public offering of $350 million in aggregate principal amount of 5.60% Senior Notes, Series due April 1, 2053.
- Represented a utility holding company in connection with its underwritten public offering of $350 million in aggregate principal amount of 5.45% Senior Notes, Series due May 15, 2029.
- Represented an electric utility company in connection with issuance of $60 million of tax-exempt environmental facilities revenue bonds.
- Represented an electric and gas utility company in connection with issuance of $65 million of tax-exempt environmental facilities revenue bonds.
- Represented an electric utility company in connection with its underwritten public offering of $350 million in aggregate principal amount of 5.60% Senior Notes, Series due April 1, 2053.
- Represented an electric utility company in connection with its underwritten public offering of $450 million in aggregate principal amount of 5.40% Senior Notes, Series due January 15, 2053.
- Represented an electric and gas utility company in connection with an underwritten public offering of $700 million of mortgage bonds – $300 million in aggregate principal amount of 4.10% First Mortgage Bonds, Series No. 38 due June 1, 2032, and $400 million in aggregate principal amount of 4.50% First Mortgage Bonds, Series No. 39 due June 1, 2052.
- Represented a utility holding company in connection with its underwritten public offering of $700 million in aggregate principal amount of 4.60% Senior Notes, Series due June 1, 2032.
- Represented an electric and gas utility company in connection with an underwritten public green bond offering of $500 million in aggregate principal amount of 4.50% First Mortgage Bonds, Series due June 1, 2052.

- Advised an energy services holding company and its wholly owned electric utility in connection with unit-for-unit merger of a midstream natural gas company in a transaction valued at $7.2 billion.
- Represented an electric and gas utility company in connection with the underwritten public offering of $325 million of common stock, including a forward component.
- Represented a utility holding company in connection with the establishment of an at-the-market equity program for the sale of up to $800 million of its shares of Common Stock.
- Represented a utility holding company in connection with an underwritten public offering of $800 million of senior notes – $500 million in aggregate principal amount of 1.75% Senior Notes, Series due March 15, 2027, and $300 million in aggregate principal amount of 2.35% Senior Notes, Series due November 15, 2031.
- Represented an electric and gas utility company in connection with reoffering of $27.5 million of tax-exempt pollution control revenue bonds.
- Represented an electric and gas utility company in connection with a private placement of $100 million aggregate principal amount of 2.82% First Mortgage Bonds due 2051.
- Represented an electric utility company in connection with its underwritten public offering of $500 million aggregate principal amount of 0.553% Senior Notes, Series due May 26, 2023.
- Represented a utility holding company in connection with its underwritten public offering of $500 million aggregate principal amount of 0.703% Senior Notes, Series due May 26, 2023.
- Represented an electric and gas utility company in connection with an underwritten public offering of $100 million in aggregate principal amount of 3.05% First Mortgage Bonds due May 1, 2051.
- Represented an electric and gas utility company in connection with the establishment of an at-the-market equity program for the sale of up to $200 million of its shares of Common Stock.
- Represented an electric and gas utility company in connection with an underwritten public green bond offering of $850 million of mortgage bonds – $425 million in aggregate principal amount of 2.25% First Mortgage Bonds, Series due April 1, 2031, and $425 million in aggregate principal amount of 3.20% First Mortgage Bonds, Series due April 1, 2052.

- Represented an electric and gas utility company in connection with reoffering of $128 million of tax-exempt pollution control revenue bonds.
- Represented an electric and gas utility company in connection with reoffering of $70 million of tax-exempt pollution control revenue bonds.
- Represented an electric and gas utility company in connection with an underwritten public green bond offering of $750 million in aggregate principal amount of 1.875% First Mortgage Bonds, Series No. 37 due June 15, 2031.
- Represented a utility holding company in connection with an underwritten public offering of $500 million in aggregate principal amount of 0.50% Senior Notes, Series due October 15, 2023.
- Represented an electric and gas utility company in connection with reoffering of $125 million of pollution control revenue bonds.
- Represented an electric and gas utility company in connection with reoffering of $22.5 million of pollution control revenue bonds.
- Represented an electric and gas utility company in connection with an underwritten public green bond offering of $700 million in aggregate principal amount of 2.60% First Mortgage Bonds, Series due June 1, 2051.
- Represented an electric and gas utility company in connection with an underwritten public offering of $750 million of mortgage bonds – $375 million in aggregate principal amount of 2.70% First Mortgage Bonds, Series No. 35 due January 15, 2051 and $375 million in aggregate principal amount of 1.90% First Mortgage Bonds, Series No. 36 due January 15, 2031.
- Represented an electric utility company in connection with its underwritten public offering of $300 million aggregate principal amount of 3.250% Senior Notes, Series due April 1, 2030.
- Represented a utility holding company in connection with an underwritten public offering of $600 million in aggregate principal amount of 3.40% Senior Notes due June 1, 2030.
- Represented a utility holding company in connection with an underwritten public offering of $1 billion of senior notes – $500 million in aggregate principal amount of 2.60% Senior Notes

due December 1,2029 and $500 million in aggregate principal amount of 3.50% Senior Notes due December 1, 2049.

- Represented a utility holding company in connection with underwritten forward sale of $740 million of its common stock.
- Represented an electric and gas utility company in connection with reoffering of $40 million of tax-exempt pollution control revenue bonds.
- Represented an electric and gas utility company in connection with an underwritten public green bond offering of $600 million in aggregate principal amount of 2.90% First Mortgage Bonds, Series due March 1, 20501.
- Represented an electric utility company in connection with reoffering of $12.9 million of solid waste disposal facility revenue bonds.
- Represented an electric utility company in connection with reoffering of $50 million of environmental facilities revenue bonds.
- Represented an electric utility company in connection with reoffering of $54 million of pollution control revenue bonds.
- Represented an electric utility company in connection with reoffering of $96 million of environmental facilities revenue refunding bonds.
- Represented an electric utility company in connection with reoffering of $77.9 million of environmental facilities revenue refunding bonds.
- Represented an electric and gas utility company in connection with an underwritten public green bond offering of $550 million in aggregate principal amount of 3.20% First Mortgage Bonds, Series No. 34 due 2050.
- Represented an electric utility company in connection with its underwritten public offering of $300 million aggregate principal amount of 3.30% Senior Notes, Series due March 15, 2030.
- Represented an electric and gas utility company in connection with reoffering of $35.2 million of tax-exempt pollution control revenue bonds.

- Represented an electric and gas utility company in connection with reoffering of $31 million of tax-exempt pollution control revenue bonds.
- Represented a utility holding company in connection with an underwritten public offering of $130 million in aggregate principal amount of 4.00% Senior Notes due June 15, 2028.
- Represented an electric and gas utility company in connection with an underwritten public offering of $400 million in aggregate principal amount of 4.05% First Mortgage Bonds, Series No. 33 due 2049.
- Represented a utility holding company in connection with underwritten forward sale of $460 million of its common stock.
- Represented a utility holding company in connection with the establishment of an at-the-market equity program for the sale of up to $300 million of its shares of Common Stock.
- Represented an electric and gas utility company in connection with an underwritten public offering of $200 million in aggregate principal amount of 4.20% First Mortgage Bonds due September 1, 2048.
- Represented an electric utility company in connection with reoffering of $17.9 million of tax-exempt pollution control revenue bonds.
- Represented an electric utility company in connection with its underwritten public offering of $400 million aggregate principal amount of 3.80% Senior Notes, Series due August 15, 2028.
- Represented a utility holding company in connection with an underwritten public offering of $500 million in aggregate principal amount of 4.00% Senior Notes due June 15, 2028.
- Represented an electric and gas utility company in connection with an underwritten public offering of $700 million of mortgage bonds (Green Bonds) – $350 million in aggregate principal amount of 3.70% First Mortgage Bonds, Series No. 31 due 2028 and $350 million in aggregate principal amount of 4.10% First Mortgage Bonds, Series No. 32 due 2048.
- Represented an electric and gas utility company in connection with an underwritten public offering of $100 million in aggregate principal amount of 3.75% First Mortgage Bonds due December 1, 2047.

- Represented an electric and gas utility company in connection with an underwritten public offering of $400 million in aggregate principal amount of 3.80% First Mortgage Bonds, Series No. 30 due 2047.
- Represented an electric and gas utility company in connection with an underwritten public offering of $600 million in aggregate principal amount of 3.60% First Mortgage Bonds, Series due September 15, 2047.
- Represented an electric and gas utility company in connection with the establishment of an at-the-market equity program for the sale of up to $100 million of its shares of Common Stock.
- Represented an electric utility company in connection with its underwritten public offering of $300 million aggregate principal amount of 3.85% Senior Notes, Series due August 15, 2047.
- Represented an electric and gas utility company in connection with issuance of $60 million of tax-exempt environmental facilities revenue refunding bonds.
- Represented an electric utility company in connection with its underwritten public offering of $300 million aggregate principal amount of 4.150% Senior Notes, Series due April 1, 2047.
- Represented a utility holding company in connection with an underwritten public offering of $800 million of senior notes – $300 million in aggregate principal amount of 2.60% Senior Notes due March 15, 2022 and $500 million in aggregate principal amount of 3.35% Senior Notes due December 1, 2026.
- Represented an electric and gas utility company in connection with an underwritten public offering of $250 million in aggregate principal amount of 3.55% First Mortgage Bonds, Series No. 29 due 2046.
- Represented an electric and gas utility company in connection with an underwritten public offering of $350 million in aggregate principal amount of 3.60% First Mortgage Bonds, Series due May 15, 2046.
- Represented a utility holding company in connection with an underwritten public offering of $750 million of senior notes – $400 million in aggregate principal amount of 2.40% Senior Notes due March 15, 2021 and $350 million in aggregate principal amount of 3.30% Senior Notes due June 1, 2025.

- Represented an electric and gas utility company in connection with its underwritten public offering of $57 million aggregate principal amount of its shares of common stock.
- Represented an electric and gas utility company in connection with an underwritten public offering of $600 million of mortgage bonds – $300 million in aggregate principal amount of 2.20% First Mortgage Bonds, Series due August 15, 2020, and $300 million in aggregate principal amount of 4.00% First Mortgage Bonds, Series due August 15, 2045.
- Represented a natural gas midstream company in connection with $550 million initial public offering of master limited partnership interests in amount.

Recognition

- Thomson Reuters Stand-out Lawyer, 2026
- *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business,* 2015 -2017
- *The Legal 500*
    - Recommended Attorney, 2017, 2023
    - Chicago Elite, Corporate and M&A, 2025

Education

- J.D., Harvard Law School
    - *cum laude*
- B.A., Indiana University
    - *magna cum laude*

Admissions

- Illinois

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