

## **Robert A. Bilott**

A seasoned litigator, Rob represents clients on a wide variety of legal matters involving federal, state and local environmental laws. For more than 27 years, he has handled environmental issues of regulatory compliance, permitting and corporate/real estate transactions, as well as all aspects of litigation arising from such issues, from administrative hearings to multi-party, complex multi-district litigation, mass torts and class actions.

With an aptitude for handling complex and nuanced matters, Rob's work has kept him at the forefront of environmental and regulatory litigation, mass tort, and compliance issues. He has handled matters involving highly complex and emerging scientific issues with some of the nation's leading medical, technical, scientific and regulatory experts and advisors. Such matters have included hazardous, solid, medical and infectious wastes, emerging and unregulated chemicals, per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), such as PFOA and PFOS, air and water pollution and permitting, medical monitoring, brownfield redevelopment, landfill regulation and permitting, wastewater treatment, and chemical risk assessment, regulation and testing.

During his time at Taft, Rob has sought out and defended against class certification, has presented and defended against challenges to expert testimony under Daubert and, in perhaps his most widely known case, has served as co-lead counsel of the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee in multi-district litigation involving thousands of individuals with serious disease claims attributable to their exposure to PFOA (C8) released into their drinking water by DuPont.

Rob has proudly represented Taft and his community as a board member of Less Cancer, as a member of the Cincinnati Academy of Leadership for Lawyers (CALL) Class V and as a former chair of the Cincinnati Bar Association's Environmental Law Committee. He received his undergraduate degree from New College and earned his J.D., cum laude, from the Ohio State University College of Law, where he served as managing editor of the Law Journal.

Rob is a Fellow in the Right Livelihood College and an Honorary Professor at the National University of Cordoba in Argentina. The following eight institutions represent the Right Livelihood College worldwide:

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### ***The Lawyer Who Became DuPont's Worst Nightmare***

***Rob Bilott was a corporate defense attorney for eight years. Then he took on an environmental suit that would upend his entire career — and expose a brazen, decades-long history of chemical pollution.***

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