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James Robertson is a senior partner in Carmody & Torrance's litigation group. During his thirty years of experience as a trial lawyer, Jim has tried many cases, in a wide range of subjects, in both state and federal courts. He is also frequently selected as an arbitrator and mediator.

Notable Experience

- Obtained multi-million dollar judgment arising out of successful constitutional challenge to Bottle Bill amendments
- Represented Governor in litigation with major newspapers and public employee unions
- Obtained annulment, *pro bono*, for disabled woman
- Represented major manufacturing companies throughout country in significant product liability cases
- Successfully challenged, on constitutional grounds, retroactive escheat legislation
- Persuaded court to invalidate Agency regulations as being beyond scope of enabling statutes
- Appointed Special Master regarding voluminous sexual abuse cases
- Represented electric utility company in litigation over wholesale electricity contracts
- Represented Chief Justice and Chief Court Administrator in litigation with major newspapers
- Represented large chemical company in several patent, trade secret and employee non-competition cases, in several states
- Served as mediator in numerous disputes, including disputes between shareholders of closely-held businesses, commercial contract partners, law firm partners, employers and their employees, beneficiaries of estates, intellectual property contestants, and parties to personal injury actions
- Served as sole or neutral arbitrator in dispute between major law firms, in a cost recovery action arising from superfund site, among members of Hedge Fund companies, construction cases, personal injury claims and trust/estate disputes
- Represented international company in licensing and product disputes
- Represented several parties in connection with government investigations

- Served as "Special Assistant State's Attorney," representing the State on significant appeals in criminal cases
- Represented judges and attorneys in connection with grievances and other claims

Distinctions

- Recipient of the 2011 Distinguished Graduate Award from The University of Connecticut Law School Alumni Association
- Fellow, American College of Trial Lawyers, 1993 to present
- Fellow, American Board of Trial Advocates, 1996 to present
- "Top 10 Connecticut [Super Lawyer](#)," *Connecticut Magazine*, 2009
- "Top 50 Connecticut [Super Lawyer](#)," *Connecticut Magazine*, 2006 - 2009
- "Litigation Star" in BENCHMARK, GUIDE TO AMERICA'S LEADING BUSINESS LITIGATION FIRMS AND ATTORNEYS, 2008, 2009
- "Leading Lawyer for Business," [CHAMBERS USA](#), 2005 - present
- Selected by peer review for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*, Woodward/White, Inc., 1995 - present
- New England "Top 100 [Super Lawyer](#)", 2007 - 2010, *Politics Magazine*
- "Best Lawyer - New York Area," 2007 - 2009, *New York Magazine*
- "AV" Rating in Martindale-Hubbell
- Judge, Connecticut Superior Court, 2003-2004
- U.S. District Court, District of Connecticut Special Master, 1997-present
- Connecticut Superior Court, Special Master, 2010
- James W. Cooper Fellow, Connecticut Bar Foundation, 1995 - present

Publications and Speaking Engagements

- Article, "[Mediation gaining popularity](#)," *Waterbury Republican-American*, August 15, 2010
- "*The Discovery of Electronically Stored Information in Arbitration Proceedings*", James K. Robertson, Jr. and Charles F. Corcoran III, 2010
Thomas/Reuters/Aspatore
- "*Product Liability Prevention*," series of personal presentations given to companies throughout the country., 2010
- Article, "The New Federal Rules regarding Electronic Discovery," *Connecticut Business and Industry Newsletter*, 2007
- Article, "The Waterbury Roots of the Right of Privacy," *Waterbury Republican-American*, 2006
- Presentations to business groups on the new federal rules pertaining to "E-Discovery"
- Presentations to client officers on Connecticut's new campaign finance laws

- Presentations to nonprofit boards on the application of Sarbanes-Oxley principles
- As adjunct faculty of the University of Connecticut School of Law, teaches a yearly three credit course, The Legislative Process
- As adjunct faculty of the Hartford Seminary, taught a three credit course, Systematic Theology
- Presented program on The History of Congregationalism
- Individual lectures at synagogues, churches and colleges on Dietrich Bonhoeffer
- Three-lecture program on An Introduction to Islam

Professional Affiliations

- Connecticut Bar Association
 - Litigation and Federal Practice Sections
 - Co-Chairman: Committee to Establish Lawyer Assistance Program
 - Task Force on the Role of Women in the Profession
- American, Waterbury and Litchfield Bar Associations

Community Involvement

- Connecticut Humanities Council, Chairman (2006-2008)
- Hartford Seminary Board of Trustees (Vice Chairman, 2006-2009)
- Connecticut Judicial Selection Commission (Chairman 1996-1998)
- University of Connecticut School of Law Foundation (President, 2004-2005)
- Grievance Committee, Hartford County (Chairman, 1986-1988)
- Moderator, Connecticut Conference, United Church of Christ, 2008-2009
- Moderator, (National) United Church of Christ, 2009-2010

Education

- J.D., with honors, University of Connecticut School of Law, 1974
- M.A., Hartford Seminary, 1998
- B.A., *cum laude*, Yale University, 1970

Court Admissions

- Connecticut State Courts, 1974
- U.S. District Court, District of Connecticut, 1974
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York, 2000
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania, 2000
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, 2001
- U.S. District Court, District of Colorado, 2006
- U.S. Federal Circuit, 2007

