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Biography

Robert D. Sokolove is a nationally recognized flood causation / flood damage attorney with over 50 years' experience representing businesses, individuals, developers, communities, and nonprofit organizations in a wide range of legal and regulatory matters involving flood insurance, flood risks, floodplain management, sea level rise, wetland regulation, lender liability and eco-development. Bob heads up the firm's Flood Litigation Team, the only one of its kind in the country, made up of lawyers and paralegals dedicated to the pursuit of flood claims on behalf of individuals and entities which have suffered flood losses.

Mr. Sokolove regularly litigates multi-party environmental disputes, inverse condemnation matters, and flooding and wetland related cases across the United States. Mr. Sokolove represents developers and communities in connection with the creation of sustainability and environmental projects on a for-profit-basis, and assisted in the creation of over seven billion dollars' worth of saleable wetland and habitat credits through the development of the wetland mitigation banking concept. Mr. Sokolove has also represented some of the largest lending institutions in the country with respect to flood risk and portfolio analysis.

In mid 2024, Mr. Sokolove and members of his Flood team obtained what is believed to be the largest flood litigation award in the country, ($23 million) against a municipality, which caused flood damage to four separate plaintiffs Mr. Sokolove's ability to leverage his knowledge and experience into tangible positive results for clients has made him a coveted speaker at conferences, a respected expert witness, and a published writer on subjects involving flood insurance and revenue creation through green initiatives. His clients include some of the largest developers and organizations in the country.

Mr. Sokolove is admitted to practice in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the State of New Jersey, the State of Maryland, the District of Columbia, the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, the U.S. District Court for the State of Maryland, the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California, as well as the Court of Appeals, Maryland, District of Columbia Court of Appeals, United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, the United States Claims Court, and the District Court for the State of New Jersey.

In addition to his law degree, Mr. Sokolove holds a Certificate in hydraulics and hydrology from the University of California at Davis, which is extremely helpful when litigating flood matters and advising lenders, municipalities, developers, and real estate entities. Mr. Sokolove was born and raised in Levittown, PA. He currently shares a dual

residency between New Jersey and Florida with his wife, Caroline, and their French Bulldog, Little Debbie.

Areas of Practice

- Litigation

Education

- B.A., American University, 1974
- J.D., University of New Hampshire School of Law, 1977
- Certificate – Hydraulics & Hydrology – University of California, Davis

Admissions

- Pennsylvania
- Maryland
- District of Columbia
- New Jersey
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania
- United States District Court for the State of Maryland
- Court of Appeals, Maryland
- United States District Court for the District of Columbia
- District of Columbia Court of Appeals
- United States Claims Court
- United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia
- United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
- United States District Court for the Northern District of California
- United States District Court for the District of New Jersey

Publications

Real Estate Law Journal, “Wetland Mitigation Banking-An Economic Solution – 1994 American Society of Civil Engineers, “Subrogation-A Federal Regulatory Tool to Enforce Flood Plain Management” – 1993 ABA Journal of Natural Resources & Environment, “Privatization of Wetland Mitigation Banking” – 1992 The Flood Report, Monthly publication written and produced of approximately 150 articles – 1983-1985

Speaking Engagements

AIROC Conference, Philadelphia, PA – Flooding and Lender Liability, 2018 National Flood, Banking/Insurance Conference, Washington DC, 2014, 2016, 2020 National Mitigation Banking Conferences, 2008, 2010, 2012, 2013 US Environmental Training Institute – Bangkok, Thailand, 1996

Honors

- U.S. Wetland Services, LP named by Dividends Magazine/Staples Office

- Products/Hammermill Papers as ‘Startup Company of the Year”, 1997