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Through the years Bob has represented a large number of national media clients, including ABC, CBS, NBC, A&E Television Networks, BBC America, The New York Times, Dow Jones & Co. (The Wall Street Journal), Time Inc., Random House, Conde Nast, The Walt Disney Co., Allbritton Communications, Hearst Television, The E.W. Scripps Company, and Stephens Media, as well as numerous local television and radio stations and newspapers.

Bob is a frequent speaker or panelist on media law topics and is the author of various articles on media law including "Media Defamation in Oklahoma: A Modest Proposal and New Perspectives," 34 Okla. L. Rev. 478 (Part I), 34 Okla. L. Rev. 737 (Part II) (1980) and "The Peculiar Case of State v. Terry Lynn Nichols: Are Television Cameras Really Banned from Oklahoma Criminal Proceedings," - Vanderbilt Journal of Entertainment Law & Practice - (2001).

He is the recipient of the 2006 Marian Opala First Amendment Award, presented by Freedom of Information Oklahoma; the Oklahoma County Bar Association 1978 Award of Merit, 1999 Meritorious Service Award, and 2006 Professional Service Award; and The Journal Record 2006 Leadership in Law Award.