



Robert N. Driscoll

MEMBER

Robert N. "Bob" Driscoll, a Member, leads the firm's Washington, DC office and serves as co-chair of the firm's White Collar/Government Investigations Group. He focuses on representing clients in government and internal investigations as well as in matters adverse to the federal government.

Bob represents corporations, governmental entities, and individuals in judicial proceedings, as well as in matters investigated by executive branch agencies, including the Department of Justice (DOJ), the Special Counsel's Office of the Department of Justice, Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Health and Human Services (HHS), Commerce, State, Treasury, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), and legislative branch bodies or committees of the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate (including representing witnesses before both the Intelligence and Judiciary committees of the Senate and House), as well as the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB). He has also conducted domestic and international internal investigations for public and private companies.

Bob is the former Deputy Assistant Attorney General and Chief of Staff, Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice.

Thanks to his extensive experience, Bob is a regular guest on numerous news programs on Fox News and MSNBC, has appeared on CNN, PBS, OAN, and NPR, and has been quoted in *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, and *The Los Angeles Times*.

Government and Internal Investigations

Bob conducts internal investigations for publicly traded and privately held companies and assists corporations as well as Boards of Directors and general committees with answering allegations of wrongdoing alleged by whistleblowers or minority shareholders. He also assists with, and negotiates, subpoenas and other congressional requests for information, and represents corporate witnesses before relevant bodies.

Indirect Auto Lending/Fair Lending

Bob has represented auto lenders and subprime lenders in all aspects of governmental agency investigations before the DOJ, CFPB, and DHS, from initial stages of investigations to negotiation and settlement.

Representation of Individuals in High-Profile Matters

In addition to his representation of companies in governmental investigations, Bob has represented individuals in several high-profile investigations, including witnesses in the 2016 election investigation by the Special Counsel and the House and Senate Intelligence Committees. He has handled matters related to charges of corruption, leaking confidential information, and fraud, including civil suits and class action matters.

Non-Public Individual Representation

Bob's experience extends to the representation of government officials and employees in criminal investigations of the DOJ, the SEC, and various Inspectors General of cabinet agencies.

Civil Rights-Related Case Experience

Bob has also represented government entities, individuals, and private institutions in civil-rights related litigation and investigations. He has represented jurisdictions, senior elected officials, and educational institutions targeted by the DOJ.

Congressional Investigations

Service Areas

[Commercial Litigation](#)

[Education Law](#)

[False Claims Act](#)

[Government and Public Policy](#)

[Banking Laws and Regulations](#)

[White Collar/Government Investigations Group](#)

Education

Georgetown University Law Center, J.D., *cum laude*

Georgetown University McDonough School of Business, *magna cum laude*

Admissions

District of Columbia

Massachusetts

Supreme Court of the United States

U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit

Various U.S. District Courts

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Bob has represented corporate clients and individual witnesses in congressional investigations before numerous high-profile Congressional committees. He has also personally testified before House and Senate Committees, experience that helps his clients know how to prepare and what to expect.

Supreme Court

Bob has been counsel of record and written amicus briefs in four civil rights related matters before the U.S. Supreme Court.

Professional Affiliations

- Federalist Society

Honors

- *Martindale-Hubbell* AV® Preeminent™ Peer Review Rated Lawyer

Experience

Represented a lender in a nationwide DOJ Civil Rights investigation of its Servicemembers Civil Relief Act compliance.

Negotiated a settlement millions of dollars below the DOJ's initial demand.

Represented a national subprime lender in a lengthy CFPB and DOJ fair lending joint investigation under the Equal Credit Opportunity Act, and obtained a no-action letter.

Represented indirect auto lender responding to CFPB preliminary findings of disparate impact based on age and race.

Investigated claims of executive mismanagement and fraud on behalf of audit committee of a publicly traded technology company.

Interviewed more than 20 witnesses, reported to audit committee chair, and assisted with referral of matter to SEC and DOJ, meeting with both agencies on behalf of the company. Several executives, who were terminated based upon the findings of the investigation, were convicted or pled guilty to federal crimes and served significant jail time.

Prepared and represented witnesses at CFPB investigative hearing (one of the few that has been conducted by the agency) as counsel for indirect auto lender in CFPB investigation covering a range of fair lending/compliance issues.

Conducted investigation into allegations of financial improprieties, unpaid payroll taxes, and financial fraud on behalf of publicly traded health care staffing company faced with sudden resignation of CEO under suspicious circumstances.

Interviewed more than a dozen witnesses, reported to company's board, and met with DOJ and other federal law enforcement agencies to refer significant evidence of fraud, including fraudulent stock offerings, executive expense abuse, and other misconduct. The CEO was charged with multiple crimes, pled guilty, and served a significant federal sentence.

Represented auto lenders responding to subpoenas from federal and state grand juries, as well as federal and state administrative agencies, including DOJ, CFPB, and DHS.

Conducted internal investigation into possible executive financial reporting issues on behalf of publicly traded real estate sales company.

Interviewed witnesses and prepared report identifying compliance issues and recommending discipline, but without findings of significant misconduct.

Negotiated nationwide \$12 million settlement agreement with DOJ and DEA

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DEA. Investigation included record-keeping issues related to Schedule 2 narcotics.

Drafted detailed 75-page report authorizing suit to recover more than \$7 million in damages from president of private real estate company on behalf of special committee of company's board of directors.

Investigated shareholder complaint of excessive compensation of management, self-dealing, and breach of fiduciary duty.

Numerous representations in "political scandal" investigations.

For the past 15 years, Bob has had a hand in almost every major "political" investigation in Washington, DC.

Represented financial institutions in internal compliance reviews.

Represented publicly-traded banks in internal compliance reviews and remediation calculation efforts. Led team of lawyers and consultants.

Represented Governor of North Carolina in DOJ litigation.

Represented Governor of North Carolina in federal lawsuit brought by DOJ challenging constitutionality of state statute.

Representing individuals in Russia/2016 election probe.

Currently representing individuals in investigations by House and Senate Intelligence Committees and Special Counsel's Office related to alleged interference in 2016 election.

Representing Private University in DOJ civil rights review.

Currently representing major private research university in DOJ investigation in alleged discrimination.

Recent Publications

June 12, 2018	When It's Worth Considering the 'Wrong' Perspective National Review
April 23, 2018	President Trump, I Feel Your Pain, but Please Don't Fire Anyone National Review
2017	Consumer Financial Services Answer Book 2017 <i>contributing author</i> Practising Law Institute
January/February 2017	"We're From the Government and We're Here to Help": Responding to a DOJ Civil Rights Pattern and Practice Investigation Sheriff & Deputy
November 30, 2016	This Is What a Trump Civil-Rights Agenda Should Look Like National Review
November 18, 2016	Jeff Sessions Will Be Just Fine on Civil Rights National Review
September 22, 2016	The Narrative versus the Facts in Charlotte National Review

- December 29, 2015 [Lesson from Cleveland: Don't Rely on Police Prosecutions to Salve Black Distrust](#)
National Review
- August 30, 2015 [Applying Inclusive Communities in Disparate Impact Cases](#)
19 No. 8 Consumer Fin. Services L. Rep. 2
- July 12, 2015 [A Win For Disparate Impact, But Not A Total Loss For Lenders](#)
19 No. 5 Consumer Fin. Services L. Rep. 2
- June 26, 2015 [Disparate Impact Survives the High Court: Supreme Court Rules That Unintentional Discrimination May Give Rise to Fair Housing Claims](#)
The United States Supreme Court issued a somewhat surprising decision yesterday, holding that the Fair Housing Act ("FHA") provides for "disparate impact" liability, rejecting the petitioner's claim that intentional discrimination was required to violate the FHA.
Consumer Finance Alert
- June 12, 2015 [A View From Washington: Don't Bank On 2016 Election To Change CFPB](#)
19 No. 3 Consumer Fin. Service L. Rep. 2
- April 29, 2015 [Freddie Gray Is Not Trayvon Martin or Michael Brown](#)
Robert Driscoll discusses the role of the U.S. Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division in investigating and curbing police misconduct.
National Review Online

Events

- June 3, 2019 [Webinar: Fallout from the College Admissions Scandal](#)
12:00 p.m. ET / 11:00 a.m. CT / 9:00 a.m. PT

Webinar
- November 9, 2018 [Lawyers in the Crosshairs – The State of Play in Anti-Money Laundering and Terrorist Finance Initiatives](#)
Association of Professional Responsibility Lawyers Meeting
Washington DC
- November 2, 2018 [Are Rights a Reality? Evaluating Federal Civil Rights Enforcement](#)
U.S. Commission on Civil Rights Briefing
Washington, DC
- October 19, 2018 [Whistleblower Response and Strategy Related to Internal Investigations](#)
2018 Consumer Finance Legal Conference New Orleans, LA
- October 18, 2018 [What's Left of Fair Lending in the Auto Space?](#)
2018 Consumer Finance Legal Conference New Orleans, LA
- October 17, 2018 [Life Under Mulvaney: Current Focus and Future Priorities, Update on Orders and Examination Trends, Rulemaking and RFI Status, Empowerment of State Regulators, and Congressional Efforts to Reform](#)
2018 Consumer Finance Legal Conference

New Orleans, LA

- November 2, 2017 **Race and Disability in Policing and Criminal Justice Reform**
Criminal Law Practitioner Symposium
American University Washington College of Law
Washington, DC
- March 9, 2017 **Finding Solutions: Exploring the Necessary and the Possible Reforms**
ACS National Event: Symposium on Policing in a New Political Era
Washington, DC
- February 5, 2017 **The Virtues of Principled Resistance to DOJ Investigations: Why Fighting Back Preserves Both Local Sovereignty and Fiscal Sanity**
2017 NSA Winter Conference
Washington, DC
- December 13, 2016 **Police Shootings and Civil Rights: A Conservative Talks About "Black Lives Matter"**
Black Leadership Advisory Council (B.L.A.C.)
Newton, MA
- November 10, 2016 **Criminality in Lending, Claims Against Lawyers, Ethics and Professionalism**
Payday Loan Bar Association Annual Conference
Santa Barbara, CA
- October 5, 2016 **CFPB Panel**
CCIA Delta 2016
Atlanta, GA
- September 30, 2016 **Managing a CFPB/DOJ Investigation: View from the Trenches**
15th Annual Consumer Finance Legal Conference
New Orleans, LA
- September 29, 2016 **Fair Lending, Disparate Impact, and Indirect Finance after Inclusive Communities**
15th Annual Consumer Finance Legal Conference
New Orleans, LA
- September 28, 2016 **Terrorism vs. Violent Extremism vs. Hate Crimes: Why the Different Labels Matter**
National Security Conference
Cambridge, MA
- September 28, 2016 **Recent Trends in CFPB Enforcement**
15th Annual Consumer Finance Legal Conference
New Orleans, LA
- April 27, 2016 **Legal Roundtable: What's to Come?**
Consumer Credit Industry Association
65th Annual Meeting
Key West, FL
- April 8, 2016 **Fair Lending: The Latest Concerns by Enforcers and Regulators including CFPB; Novel Discriminatory, Predatory and Abusive Lending Claims; New Disparate Impact Litigation Nuances, and Beyond**

- American Conference Institute
25th National Conference on Consumer Finance Class Actions and Litigation
Los Angeles, CA
- February 6, 2016 **The Virtues of Principled Resistance to DOJ Investigations: Why Fighting Back Preserves Both Local Sovereignty and Fiscal Sanity**
2016 National Sheriffs' Association Winter Conference
Legal Affairs Committee Meeting
Washington, DC
- January 26, 2016 **Fair Lending: Managing and Defending Against Claims of Discriminatory, Predatory, and Abusive Lending and the Consequence of the Supreme Court's Decision Affirming the Use of the 'Disparate Impact' Theory in Fair Lending**
American Conference Institute
24th National Conference on Consumer Finance Class Actions and Litigation
Miami, FL
- November 5, 2015 **Enforcements and Investigations – Cutting the Deal**
Payday Loan Bar Association Annual Conference
Scottsdale, AZ
- October 29, 2015 **Speakers from Federal and State Agencies on the Latest Regulatory, Supervision, Investigation and Enforcement Initiatives and Examination Procedures for Consumer Lenders**
Moderator
American Conference Institute
Consumer Lending Regulatory Compliance Forum
New York, NY
- October 22, 2015 **Fair Lending Developments: Where Are We Now and What Can Industry Do in the Future**
14th Annual Consumer Finance Legal Conference
The Ritz-Carlton New Orleans
New Orleans, LA
- October 21, 2015 **Managing and Settling a CFPB/DOJ Investigation: View from the Trenches**
14th Annual Consumer Finance Legal Conference
The Ritz-Carlton New Orleans
New Orleans, LA
- September 17, 2015 **SCRA Compliance Requirements in the Wake of the Santander Consent Order**
American Bar Association
Business Law Section Annual Meeting
Chicago, IL
- October 16, 2014 **Fair Lending Issues and Strategies for Assessing Risks**
13th Annual Consumer Finance Legal Conference
The Ritz-Carlton New Orleans
New Orleans, LA

News Results

- March 31, 2019 **New poll says 40 percent of American believe the Mueller report does not vindicate President Trump**

	Fox News
March 24, 2019	Will the full Mueller report be released to the public? Fox News America's Newsroom
March 13, 2019	Maria Butina's Attorney Speaks Out About Her Case The National Security Podcast
December 24, 2018	Ben Carson's HUD dials back investigations into housing discrimination The Washington Post
November 24, 2018	Bob Driscoll on fallout from Corsi negotiating with Mueller Fox News' America's News HQ
November 10, 2018	Driscoll discusses backlash over Whitaker's appointment to acting AG Fox News' America's News HQ
July 15, 2018	Bolton: Indictment strengthens Trump's hand in Putin summit Fox News
July 13, 2018	Former DOJ official: Indictments send a message to Russia Fox News' 'Your World'
July 7, 2018	Trump's legal team sets new conditions for Mueller interview Fox News
July 5, 2018	Peter Strzok's attorney says FBI agent may ignore subpoena Fox News
July 3, 2018	Senate report backs election meddling findings Fox News
June 29, 2018	Lawmakers demand DOJ turn over docs related to Russia probe Fox News
June 18, 2018	Top House lawmakers issue new warnings to DOJ, FBI Fox News
June 18, 2018	Member Bob Driscoll on Larry King's PolitickING Larry King's PolitickING
June 18, 2018	Reaction to bombshell IG report on Clinton email probe Fox News
June 17, 2018	Robert Driscoll talks Mueller probe, IG report on FBI Fox News
June 14, 2018	IG Report: No evidence of bias in DOJ prosecutors' findings Fox News

June 14, 2018	Bombshell IG Report Displays Bias at FBI: "It's a terrible day for the DOJ & FBI." One America News Network
June 9, 2018	Manafort's lawyers push back against Mueller's new charges Fox News
June 8, 2018	Robert Driscoll: IG report on Clinton probe brings 'clarity' Fox News
June 5, 2018	Robert Driscoll on Michael Cohen MSNBC
June 5, 2018	Report: Andrew McCabe seeking immunity Fox News
June 4, 2018	Supreme Court sides with Colorado baker in same-sex wedding cake case Fox News
May 24, 2018	Clapper says nothing in Steele dossier has been disproven Fox News
May 24, 2018	Former deputy assistant AG previews Russia probe briefings Fox News
22 May 2018	Robert Driscoll on FBI/DOJ Investigation MSNBC
May 19, 2018	Former DOJ official on reports of informant in Trump team Fox News
May 9, 2018	Avenatti accused of sharing info about wrong Michael Cohens Fox News
May 7, 2018	Robert Driscoll on Giuliani's Comments on Mueller Investigation MSNBC
May 3, 2018	Robert Driscoll says Trump can weather Stormy Daniels flap Fox News
May 2, 2018	The pros and cons of a Mueller subpoena for Trump Larry King's PolitickING
April 28, 2018	Comey's claim memo release was not a leak sparks backlash Fox News
April 15, 2018	Former DOJ official reacts to Comey's comments on Clinton Fox News
March 31, 2018	Former DOJ official: Second special counsel not necessary Fox News

March 28, 2018 [Robert Driscoll on PolitickING with latest on Russia probe and Trump's legal issues with Stormy Daniels](#)
Larry King's PolitickING

March 28, 2018 [Stormy Daniels' seeks to depose Trump and his lawyer](#)
MSNBC

March 23, 2018 [Robert Driscoll on changes to Trump's outside legal team](#)
Fox News

March 19, 2018 [Robert Driscoll on McCabe firing](#)
MSNBC

March 17, 2018 [Eric Shawn reports: Will McCabe face criminal charges?](#)
Fox News

March 8, 2018 [NYT: Trump asked witnesses about Mueller Testimony](#)
MSNBC

March 5, 2018 [Signs the Mueller probe is expanding?](#)
Fox News

March 2, 2018 [Driscoll on MSNBC to discuss investigations into Ivanka Trump and Jared Kushner](#)
MSNBC

February 21, 2018 [Former DOJ official sees no public evidence of collusion](#)
Fox News

February 20, 2018 [Impact of latest charge in Robert Mueller's Russia probe](#)
Fox News

February 17, 2018 [McMaster: Russian meddling in US election is beyond dispute](#)
Fox News

February 16, 2018 [What we can learn about Mueller probe from latest indictment](#)
Fox News

February 10, 2018 [Trump addresses NYT report that Russian sold 'phony' secrets](#)
Fox News' America's News HQ

February 5, 2018 [Next steps in the investigation of the investigators](#)
Fox News

February 2, 2018 [Sen. Johnson asks for Communications from more FBI, Justice Dept. Employees](#)
MSNBC

January 24, 2018 [Robert Driscoll on signs Mueller probe is nearing its end](#)
Fox News

January 18, 2018 [Bannon delays planned testimony to House Intel Committee](#)

	Fox News
January 17, 2018	Bannon refuses to answer questions before House Intelligence Committee ABC News Australia's The World
January 6, 2018	Ex-DOJ official on politics, investigations and obstruction Fox News' America's News HQ
January 5, 2018	Former DOJ official talks probe into Clinton Foundation Fox News' 'Your World'
January 4, 2018	Driscoll featured on One America News Network One America News Network
January 4, 2018	How will Manafort's lawsuit impact Mueller's Russia probe? Fox News
December 14, 2018	New debate over special counsel in wake of anti-Trump texts Fox News
December 12, 2017	Special counsel needed to probe DOJ-Fusion GPS? Fox News
December 2, 2017	Former DOJ official talks Michael Flynn plea deal Fox News
November 28, 2017	Could special counsel's Russia probe be nearing conclusion? Fox News
November 12, 2017	AG Jeff Sessions to testify before House Judiciary Committee Fox News' America's News HQ
October 31, 2017	Legal expert says George Papadopoulos may have worn wire for FBI ABC News Australia's The World
October 28, 2017	Former DOJ official on reports of Russia probe indictments Fox News
October 18, 2017	Former DOJ official reacts to Trump's criticisms of Comey Fox News
October 7, 2017	Calls for examination of 'bump stocks' in wake of Las Vegas Fox News' America's News HQ
August 2, 2017	DOJ Plans To Take Affirmative Action Against College Admissions NPR All Things Considered
July 29, 2017	Wounding AG Jeff Sessions doesn't help Trump Fox News' America's News HQ

July 24, 2017	Kushner: I didn't set up "secret back channel" with Russians MSNBC
July 22, 2017	Is AG Sessions staying... or stewed? Fox News
July 8, 2017	Ethics chief resigns amid clashes with President Trump Fox News
July 1, 2017	Hawaii challenges Trump's travel ban criteria Fox News
June 19, 2017	Former DOJ official's tip for Trump: Let Mueller do his job Fox News
June 8, 2017	Comey's testimony makes things better for Trump: Fmr. DOJ official Fox Business Network
May 31, 2017	Former FBI chief Comey meets with special counsel Mueller Fox News' Special Report with Bret Baier
May 31, 2017	Trump blasts Democrats after Page testimony postponed Fox News
May 26, 2017	Kushner signals willingness to cooperate with Russia probe Fox News
May 26, 2017	Prosecuting leakers easier said than done? Fox News
May 7, 2017	Driscoll Discusses Travel Ban Case on Fox News Fox News' America's News HQ
February 28, 2017	Department of Justice The New York Times Magazine
February 11, 2017	What's next for Trump's travel ban executive order? Fox News' America's News HQ
December 8, 2016	Trump's Campaign Rhetoric Signals Possible Shift On Civil Rights NPR News
December 6, 2016	Walter Scott mistrial: early test for Trump on civil rights The Christian Science Monitor
November 18, 2016	8 Ways Jeff Sessions Could Change Criminal Justice The Marshall Project
September 13, 2016	When an Old Law Makes It Hard to Fix a Troubled Jail The Marshall Project

- May 7, 2016 [Driscoll Discusses DOJ's Deadline for North Carolina "Bathroom Law" on Fox News](#)
Fox News' America's News HQ
- April 26, 2016 [McGlinchey Stafford Announces Relocation and Expansion of Washington, DC Office](#)
McGlinchey News Release
- February 12, 2016 [What Ferguson faces in fighting the Justice Dept.](#)
USA Today
- February 3, 2016 [Driscoll to Speak at 2016 National Sheriffs' Association Winter Conference](#)
McGlinchey News Release
- December 15, 2015 [McGlinchey Stafford Commemorates One-Year Anniversary of Washington, DC Office; Adds Former CFPB Regulator Brian Fink and Consumer Finance Attorney Peter L. Cockrell](#)
McGlinchey News Release
- December 15, 2015 [Why Did It Take the Feds So Long to Probe Chicago Cops?](#)
The Marshall Project
- December 1, 2015 [What happens when the feds investigate a police shooting?](#)
Minnesota Public Radio
- November 17, 2015 [Driscoll Testifies Before U.S. Senate on Police Issues](#)
U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary
- November 17, 2015 [Justice probe may not bring closure in Minneapolis police shooting](#)
Minnesota Public Radio
- October 6, 2015 [A Rural Sheriff Stares Down the Justice Department](#)
The Marshall Project
- July 3, 2015 [Civil Rights Case Lingers Four Years After Thomas Beating Death](#)
Voice of OC
- May 10, 2015 [The secret weapon for America's beleaguered police](#)
POLITICO
- May 8, 2015 [Justice Dept. Hopes Investigation Will Create A 'Stronger' Baltimore](#)
NPR
- May 2, 2015 [Baltimore's Polite Police Reform](#)
The Marshall Project
- April 23, 2015 [Policing the Police: As the Justice Department pushes reform, some changes don't last.](#)
The Marshall Project

- April 23, 2015 [The Problems With Policing the Police: As the Justice Department pushes reform, some push back](#)
TIME
- April 4, 2015 [Driscoll Discusses Indictment of Sen. Robert Menendez on Fox News](#)
FoxNews
- March 7, 2015 [Sen. Bob Menendez of New Jersey facing corruption charges](#)
FoxNews
- [Who is U.S. Attorney General Nominee Jeff Sessions?](#)
KQED Radio