



## Robert J. Kolansky

Of Counsel

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### Main Bio

**Robert is an accomplished prosecutor with a distinguished career in both federal and state court. As an Assistant United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio, he investigated and prosecuted individuals and conspiracies for violations of a variety of federal laws, including drug trafficking, domestic and international money laundering, mail fraud, wire fraud, firearms, and RICO offenses. Robert oversaw some of the most complex investigations handled by the U.S. Attorney's Office, including 18 federal Title III wiretap investigations, leading to the arrest and prosecution of more than 90 defendants involved in complex domestic and international conspiracies. Robert successfully tried 11 federal jury trials, each resulting in a favorable verdict for the United States.**

Prior to his work as a federal prosecutor, Robert represented the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as an Assistant District Attorney in Montgomery County for more than five years. Robert has demonstrated exceptional skills in legal proceedings, conducting comprehensive discovery processes, and litigating motions on diverse legal issues. His appellate work includes preparing successful briefs for the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals and the Pennsylvania Superior Court. In 2021, he was honored as the Assistant United States Attorney of the Year for the Northern District of Ohio, reflecting his dedication and excellence in the field.

*\* Admitted to practice in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, not yet admitted to practice in Ohio.*

### News

- Robert J. Kolansky mentioned in Crain's Cleveland People on the Move, June 17, 2024
- Benesch Adds Of Counsel to Litigation Team in Cleveland, May 31, 2024

### Related Practices

Litigation

### Education

- Villanova University School of Law, 2013, Juris Doctor
- Jeffrey S. Moorad Sports Law Journal
- Special Projects Editor, 2012 – 2013; Staff Writer, 2011 – 2012
- *Can We Really Ascribe a Dollar Amount to Interpersonal Communication? How Phonedog v. Kravitz May Decide Who Owns a Twitter Account*, published Fall 2012
- Bucknell University, 2010, Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Minor in Religion

### Credentials

- Pennsylvania
- New Jersey
- United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

### Recognitions

- *Assistant United States Attorney of the Year* – United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Ohio, 2021
- *Commendation, "Operation EverStart"* – Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin R. Steele, 2018

- *Recognition for Dedication to Duty and Service to the Citizens of Montgomery County* – Montgomery County Detective Bureau's Violent Crime Unit, 2018
  - *Commendation* – Towamencin Township Police Chief Timothy Dickinson, 2017
  - *Outstanding Prosecutor Award* – Pennsylvania Narcotics Officers' Association, 2016
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**Memberships**

- Bluecoats, Inc., Cleveland, OH, 2019 – present, Member