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John P. ("Sean") Coffey

General Counsel of the Department of the Navy
United States

Summary

Attorney Advertising. Prior results do not guarantee a similar outcome in future cases.

Experience

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

General Counsel

February 2022 - Present (1 year 7 months)

Pentagon, Washington DC

Chief legal officer for the Department of the Navy

Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP

Partner and Chair of Complex Litigation

December 2013 - February 2022 (8 years 3 months)

New York, New York

I represent clients in complex, high-stakes litigation.

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Law Office of John P. Coffey

Principal

April 2013 - November 2013 (8 months)

1350 Avenue of the Americas, 2nd floor, New York, NY 10019

Served as co-lead trial counsel for Fabrice Tourre, the former Goldman Sachs banker accused by the SEC of securities fraud in connection with the ABACUS 2007-AC1 synthetic CDO transaction.

BlackRobe Capital Partners, LLC

Managing Director and Co-Founder

April 2011 - March 2013 (2 years)

New York, New York

Co-founded and managed a start-up commercial litigation finance company.

Candidate for New York State Attorney General

Candidate

October 2009 - September 2010 (1 year)

New York State

Sought the Democratic nomination for New York Attorney General. Finished third in a five-way race.

Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann LLP

Partner

December 1998 - October 2009 (10 years 11 months)

Partner (and for last several years Co-Managing Partner) of nationally recognized boutique plaintiffs litigation law firm. Represented primarily large institutional investors in cases related to violations of federal securities laws.

Latham & Watkins

Counsel and then Partner

April 1995 - November 1998 (3 years 8 months)

Litigation partner, representing a broad variety of companies and individuals across a broad spectrum of civil, regulatory and criminal matters.

United States Attorney's Office, Southern District of New York, Department of Justice

Assistant United States Attorney

October 1991 - April 1995 (3 years 7 months)

Federal prosecutor in the General Crimes, Narcotics, and Major Crimes Units. Tried over a dozen felony trials to verdict. Argued several appeals in the Second Circuit Court of Appeals.

Paul Weiss Rifkind Wharton & Garrison LLP

Associate

September 1987 - September 1991 (4 years 1 month)

Litigation associate.

United States Navy

Commissioned Officer

June 1978 - February 1986 (7 years 9 months)

Served on active duty as Student Naval Flight Officer (1978-79), Naval Flight Officer in Patrol Squadron 44 (1980-83), Intern to the Joint Chiefs of Staff (1983-84), and Special Military Assistant to Vice President George H. W. Bush (1984-85). Served as Naval Flight Officer in the Navy Reserve from 1986-2004, including assignments as Commanding Officer of Patrol Squadron

92 (1996-98), Commanding Officer of the reserve component of the Enterprise Carrier Battle Group staff (1998-2000), and Action Officer in the Office of the Secretary of Defense (2000-2004). Retired as Navy Captain in August 2004.

Education

Georgetown University Law Center

J.D., Law · (1983 - 1987)

United States Naval Academy

B.S., Ocean Engineering · (1974 - 1978)