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Robert A. Yahiro is Counsel in the Corporate Practice of Smith, Gambrell & Russell, LLP.

For more than 35 years Bob has been a business and tax lawyer with an emphasis on employee benefits, buying and selling businesses and environmental matters. In addition to being a private practice attorney, he has a unique background as in-house counsel and as a business owner.

From 1985-1986 Bob served as general counsel for a privately-held company engaged in various specialty chemical and manufacturing operations, where he was responsible for all legal affairs in U.S. and Europe. His duties included M&A, litigation management, labor matters, contract negotiations, real estate and tax matters and asset-based financing, as well as all environmental litigation.

In 1988 Bob founded and managed a document storage and management company, raising capital through a limited partnership offering. Nine years later he successfully negotiated the sale of the company, returning to the limited partners more than 12 times their original investment.

From 1999-2000 Bob served as general counsel for an Internet-based mortgage and real estate brokerage company. His responsibilities included compliance with mortgage banking laws and regulations; supervision of outside counsel and all litigation; supporting website development and Internet business development, trademark and content licensing; advising on employee stock option, stock purchase and other employee benefits, as well as various labor law issues, real estate leasing, equipment financing, financial statement disclosures, intellectual property and securities matters.

Upon closing the successful sale of the company, Bob returned to Rodi Pollock where he completed the successful winding up and liquidation of the company's affairs and where he continues his practice advising a variety of closely-held businesses including technology, transportation, manufacturing, and service companies.



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