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Areas of Expertise

M&A

Governance

Public Policy

Litigation

Political Strategy

David Robinson is an accomplished attorney and business executive who leverages legal expertise and an analytical approach to manage enterprise risk, navigate change, and achieve profitable business growth within highly regulated environments. With more than three decades of experience, he has helped American insurance industry leaders shape M&A, governance, litigation, and public policy strategies that drive bottom line results.

A trusted advisor to boards and a steady voice in times of crisis, David is a multidimensional problem solver who inspires diverse stakeholders to find common ground and take collective action. With humility and authenticity, he builds highly collaborative teams and develops and empowers well-rounded future leaders.

Most recently, David led a best-in-class law, compliance, government relations, and sustainability department of approximately 300 professionals as Executive Vice President and General Counsel at The Hartford. During his tenure, David was a key player in transforming the organization into a top-quartile property and casualty and group benefits company—significantly altering and optimizing its portfolio through several strategic multibillion-dollar acquisitions and divestitures. He also successfully navigated an unsolicited hostile approach for acquisition, drove organizational redesigns, including creation of a Chief Sustainability Office, and strengthened key relationships with regulators, enabling the organization to meet and exceed business objectives and goals.

David built a strong institutional foundation at The Hartford, moving across senior roles in multiple functional areas. Prior, David served as SVP and Deputy General Counsel for The Chubb Corporation, where he led the navigation of legal, compliance, and public policy issues, as well as employment litigation across the organization, and significantly strengthened enterprise-wide compliance.

Earlier, David served as Judicial Law Clerk for Judge Stefan R. Underhill in the Federal District Court in Connecticut and Commercial Litigator at Day Pitney LLP. He began his legal career after spending three years developing valuable business experience as Tax Consultant at Arthur Andersen LLP.

Fostering positive community and economic change through political engagement and non-profit service has been a longstanding priority for David. Appointed by Connecticut Governor Lamont, David serves as Board Chair of the Capital Region Development Authority (CRDA), a quasi-public agency dedicated to stimulating economic growth and new investment across the Hartford region through the development of housing stock and the management of the area's marquee venues. Leading the 14-member board of business executives and appointed state officials, David helps drive collaborative efforts to build and promote the district as a vibrant destination for families, businesses, and cultural events. Over the last several years, the CRDA has successfully developed and brought to market thousands of new apartments in the greater Hartford area.

Furthering his impact, David is an adjunct professor at the University of Connecticut School of Law, teaching insurance law and policy. He also serves on the Board of The iQuilt Partnership, an organization committed to promoting cultural vitality and a robust public domain in the city of Hartford, and is a former Board Member and past Chair of the MetroHartford Alliance—the region's chamber of commerce and economic development organization.

David earned a JD at Cornell Law School, an MS in Public Accounting from the University of Hartford, and a BA in Government from Wesleyan University. He is a member of the bar in Connecticut and Massachusetts. He and his wife Jane have three adult children and live in West Hartford, CT.