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OVERVIEW

Bob counsels energy companies and financial institutions on complex financings and securities law issues in connection with an array of energy projects.

Bob represents issuers and underwriters in connection with numerous corporate finance transactions, including initial public offerings, SEC-registered debt and equity offerings, Rule 144A transactions, project finance and acquisition finance. He integrates this transactional experience with a deep understanding of federal securities law and frequently advises energy companies regarding their disclosure obligations, as well as corporate governance issues and stock exchange listing standards.

As securities laws continue to evolve to address ESG matters, including climate change, Bob assists energy clients in understanding the arc of current and possible future regulation, and how it might impact capital raising and securities law compliance.

Industry

Energy & Natural Resources

Services

Banking & Finance

Capital Markets

Corporate

Financial Institutions M&A and Regulatory Compliance

Securities & Corporate Governance

Experience

Bob's recent transactions include:

- Represented a utility holding company in connection with:
  - its underwritten public offering of $700 million in aggregate principal amount of 4.60% Senior Notes, Series due June 1, 2032.

  - the establishment of an at-the-market equity program for the sale of up to $800 million of its shares of Common Stock.
  - an underwritten public offering of $800 million of senior notes – (i) $500 million in aggregate principal amount of 1.75% Senior Notes, Series due March 15, 2027, and (ii) $300 million in aggregate principal amount of 2.35% Senior Notes, Series due November 15, 2031.
  - an underwritten public offering of $500 million in aggregate principal amount of 0.50% Senior Notes, Series due October 15, 2023.
  - an underwritten public offering of $600 million in aggregate principal amount of 3.40% Senior Notes due June 1, 2030.
  - an underwritten public offering of $1 billion of senior notes – (i) $500 million in aggregate principal amount of 2.60% Senior Notes due December 1,2029 and (ii) $500 million in aggregate principal amount of 3.50% Senior Notes due December 1, 2049.

- Represented numerous wholly owned electric, gas, and renewable energy utility subsidiaries of such holding company in connection with:
  - an underwritten public offering of $700 million of mortgage bonds – (i) $300 million in aggregate principal amount of 4.10% First Mortgage Bonds, Series No. 38 due June 1, 2032, and (ii) $400 million in aggregate principal amount of 4.50% First Mortgage Bonds, Series No. 39 due June 1, 2052.
  - an underwritten public green bond offering of $500 million in aggregate principal amount of 4.50% First Mortgage Bonds, Series due June 1, 2052.
  - a private placement of $100 million aggregate principal amount of 2.82% First Mortgage Bonds due 2051.
  - an underwritten public green bond offering of $850 million of mortgage bonds – (i) $425 million in aggregate principal amount of 2.25% First Mortgage Bonds, Series due April 1, 2031, and (ii) $425 million in aggregate principal amount of 3.20% First Mortgage Bonds, Series due April 1, 2052.
  - an underwritten public green bond offering of $750 million in aggregate principal amount of 1.875% First Mortgage Bonds, Series No. 37 due June 15, 2031.

  - an underwritten public green bond offering of $700 million in aggregate principal amount of 2.60% First Mortgage Bonds, Series due June 1, 2051.
  - an underwritten public offering of $100 million in aggregate principal amount of 3.05% First Mortgage Bonds due May 1, 2051.
  - an underwritten public offering of $750 million of mortgage bonds – (i) $375 million in aggregate principal amount of 2.70% First Mortgage Bonds, Series No. 35 due January 15, 2051 (Green Bonds) and (ii) $375 million in aggregate principal amount of 1.90% First Mortgage Bonds, Series No. 36 due January 15, 2031.

- Advised an energy services holding company and its wholly owned electric utility in connection with:
  - unit-for-unit merger of a midstream natural gas company in a transaction valued at $7.2 billion.
  - a public offering of $500 million aggregate principal amount of 0.703% Senior Notes, Series due May 26, 2023.
  - a public offering of $500 million aggregate principal amount of 0.553% Senior Notes, Series due May 26, 2023.
  - a public offering of $300 million aggregate principal amount of 3.250% Senior Notes due 2023.

- Represented an electric and gas utility company in connection with the underwritten public offering of $325 million of common stock, including a forward component.

- Represented an electric and gas utility company in connection with the establishment of an at-the-market equity program for the sale of up to $200 million of its shares of Common Stock.

Recognition

- *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business,* 2015 -2017

- *The Legal 500*
  - Recommended Attorney, 2017, 2023
  - Chicago Elite, Corporate and M&A, 2025

Education

- J.D., Harvard Law School
  - *cum laude*
- B.A., Indiana University
  - *magna cum laude*

Admissions

- Illinois

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