

YAAKOV M. ROTH

Partner

Yaakov Roth's goal is to strategically develop and effectively present the key legal arguments that will secure victory for clients through appellate advocacy and dispositive motions. He has achieved success at all levels of the federal judiciary and in state courts. Yaakov has been named a D.C. Rising Star, a D.C. Trailblazer, and a Litigation Trailblazer by *The National Law Journal*; a "Next Generation" leader by *The Legal 500*; and a "Rising Star" in the appellate space by *Law360*.

Most recently, Yaakov won a unanimous victory in the Supreme Court, overturning convictions in the high-profile "Bridgagate" matter on a theory that he developed. His other Supreme Court experience includes vindicating former Virginia Governor Bob McDonnell from political corruption charges, narrowing the geographic scope of private civil RICO (racketeer influenced and corrupt organizations) lawsuits, and pursuing a major challenge to the Affordable Care Act from inception through high court review. At the appellate level, Yaakov's oral advocacy has included defending the rights of white collar criminal defendants, limiting unfair "withdrawal liability" assessments against employers, pressing a First Amendment challenge to an Ohio law prohibiting "false" campaign statements, and protecting the religious freedom rights of Death Row inmates. He has successfully defended clients against defamation, antitrust, Title VII, ERISA (Employee Retirement Income Security Act), and constitutional claims – including nationwide class actions – and pursued a host of challenges to federal, state, and local regulations.

Yaakov speaks and writes about the Supreme Court and First Amendment issues and maintains an active pro bono practice centered around religious freedom and criminal justice.

PRACTICES

Issues & Appeals

LOCATIONS

Washington

EDUCATION

Harvard University (J.D. summa cum laude 2007; Fay Diploma; Articles Editor, Harvard Law Review);
York University (B.A. in Economics with distinction 2004)

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

District of Columbia

HONORS & DISTINCTIONS

Legal 500 "Next Generation Partner"

Law360 "Rising Star, Appellate" (2020)

National Law Journal: "D.C. Rising Star" Award (2020)

CLERKSHIPS

Law Clerk to: Hon. Antonin Scalia, Supreme Court of the United States (2008-2009) and Hon. Michael Boudin, U.S. Court of Appeals, First Circuit (2007-2008)
