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Robert Bruce is Counsel in Newmeyer Dillion's Newport Beach office where his practice focuses on business litigation with a concentration on trial practice.

Bob returned to civil litigation after seventeen years as a prosecutor in San Diego, where he prosecuted countless serious and violent felony cases including murders, carjackings, robberies, financial crimes, and complex gang conspiracies. He gained a reputation for winning hard cases through a combination of tenacious pre-trial litigation, shrewd negotiation strategy, and persuasive trial advocacy. Prior to working as a prosecutor Bob worked at a litigation boutique in Los Angeles where he represented major automotive and sporting goods manufacturers in high-stakes product liability litigation. With his engineering background Bob excels in litigating technically and technologically complex matters.

Bob's approach to representation of corporate and individual clients draws heavily on his experience as a chief executive and operations officer in the military, where he learned the value of teamwork and an interdisciplinary approach to problem solving, and the importance of timely and accurate advice to decisionmakers. While he thrives under pressure, Bob emphasizes the need for planning and preparation to effectively navigate a chaotic environment.

Services

- Business Litigation
- Real Estate Litigation

Admissions

- California, 2002

Education

- University of Southern California Gould School of Law(J.D., 2002)
 - President, Student Bar Association
 - Member, Interdisciplinary Law Journal
- United States Naval Academy(B.S., 1992)
 - Aerospace Engineering

Military Experience

Robert retired from the United States Marine Corps Reserve in 2022 as a Colonel after 30 combined years of active duty and reserve service. Robert served as an infantry and artillery officer with senior staff, operations, and Commanding Officer (Chief Executive) experience. Early in his career he commanded an artillery platoon and later an infantry company. In 2003 he led a small team in the first wave of combat operations in Operation Iraqi Freedom. From 2009 to 2011 then-Lieutenant Colonel Bruce was the Commanding Officer of 3rd ANGLICO, an elite battalion-level (250+ personnel) organization engaged in global combat operations and training. He was subsequently selected to serve on a small team that deployed on short notice to Iraq in 2014 to conduct a strategic assessment of the viability of Iraqi Security Forces in the face of the existential ISIS threat, and remained in Iraq to serve as Chief of Ground Combat Operations at the Joint Operations Center in Baghdad.

In the course of his military career Robert deployed to Southeast Asia, Europe, Africa, and Southwest Asia. He also completed a fellowship through the Department of Defense during which he worked as an advisor to a senior United States Senator. He is a Navy-Marine Corps Parachutist and Jumpmaster. His personal awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Joint Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Navy-Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal, and the Combat Action Ribbon.