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Robert S. Rivkin is Of Counsel at Riley Safer Holmes & Cancila LLP, where he advises clients on aviation, rail, road and other transportation issues, internal investigations, white collar criminal defense, domestic and international regulation, and commercial litigation. Previously, Bob was Senior Vice President for Regulatory & International Affairs and Deputy General Counsel of Delta Air Lines, where he was responsible for addressing governmental regulation and oversight in the U.S. and abroad, as well as litigation, antitrust, employment and real estate legal issues. In Washington, Atlanta and around the globe, Bob advocated Delta's interests across a range of issues, including oil refining, emissions, competition and regulation.



Prior to joining Delta, Bob served four years as General Counsel of the U.S. Department of Transportation, after being nominated by President Obama and unanimously confirmed by the U.S. Senate. He was counsel to Secretary Ray LaHood and served as DOT's Chief Legal Officer, with authority to resolve all legal questions concerning the Department's policies and programs and its over 55,000 employees and \$78 billion budget. While at DOT, Bob oversaw the activities of more than 500 lawyers in the Department and its ten operating administrations, safeguarding the integrity of the decision making process and promoting compliance with all applicable laws. He was responsible for the Department's regulatory program, its litigation and enforcement activities, and the preparation of transportation legislation. In addition to his other duties, in August and September of 2009, Bob directed the \$3 billion Cash for Clunkers ("CARS") auto rebate program. In 2010, and again in 2011, Bob received the Secretary's Gold Medal Award for Outstanding Achievement.

During twenty years of law practice in Chicago, Bob served as vice president and deputy general counsel of Aon Corporation, general counsel of the Chicago Transit Authority, Director of Programs and Policy for the City of Chicago's Law Department, a federal prosecutor and a lawyer in private practice. He has also worked at the British Parliament in London and the European Commission in Brussels, Belgium.

Bob graduated magna cum laude from Harvard College, received a juris doctor degree from Stanford Law School, where he was an associate editor of the Stanford Law Review, and clerked for Judge Joel M. Flaum of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit. He has served as a Director of the Illinois Chamber of Commerce and of Leadership Greater Chicago, the Chair of the Committee on Rulemaking of the Administrative Conference of the United States, and a Judge of the William R. Rivkin Award, presented annually for intellectual courage and constructive dissent by U.S. Foreign Service Officers, among other civic endeavors. Bob is a member of the Chicago Inn of Court, the Economic Club of Chicago, and the Chicago Council on Global Affairs. He is married to Cindy Moelis, President of the Pritzker Traubert Family Foundation. They have three grown children: Stephanie, Claire and Alexander.