



## **ROBERT BILOTT** **Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP**

A seasoned and internationally-recognized litigator, advocate, and author, Rob Bilott has represented a diverse range of clients on a wide variety of matters involving federal, state, and local environmental laws. For more than 29 years, he has handled environmental issues including regulatory compliance, permitting, and corporate/real estate transactions as well as all aspects of litigation arising from such issues, from administrative hearings to complex multi-party, multi-district litigation; mass torts; and class actions. Rob has gained international prominence in connection with uncovering and disclosing the world-wide impact of environmental contamination by PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkylated substances), also known as “forever chemicals,” particularly PFOA and PFOS. To date he has secured benefits in excess of \$1 billion for a wide array of firm clients adversely impacted by PFAS contamination, including through key leadership positions in the nation’s first class action, personal injury, medical monitoring, multi-district litigations and jury trials involving PFAS. Because of this experience and knowledge on PFAS issues, Rob is frequently invited to provide keynote lectures and talks at law schools, universities, and colleges as well as for communities and other organizations all over the world, including testimony before U.S. federal and state legislative subcommittees, parliaments of the European Union, individual E.U. member states, the United Kingdom, and committees of the United Nations. For his decades of work on PFAS, Rob was a 2017 recipient of the international Right Livelihood Award, an award established by the Right Livelihood Foundation to “honour and support courageous people solving global problems.” The Foundation was formed in 1980 specifically to recognize and give this award to the selected recipients on an international scale. He was also the 2020 recipient of his firm’s “Legacy Award” which is bestowed on “a Taft employee who has made a significant and lasting contribution to the firm which will result in an overall positive impact on the legacy of Taft.” Rob’s story is chronicled in his book *“Exposure: Poisoned Water, Corporate Greed, and One Lawyer’s Twenty-Year Battle against DuPont”* and is the inspiration for the feature film *“Dark Waters”* and the documentary *“The Devil We Know.”* Rob has proudly represented Taft and his community as a board member of Less Cancer (a.k.a. Next Generation Choices Foundation), which focuses on cancer-related public education, proactive public policies, and professional continuing education for health professionals; as a member of the Cincinnati Academy of Leadership for

Lawyers; and as a former chair of the Cincinnati Bar Association's Environmental Law Practice Group. He received his undergraduate degree from the New College of Florida (Sarasota) and earned his J.D. from The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law.