

## PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT

**Robert Josefsberg  
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Robert C. Josefsberg is a no-nonsense kind of guy who can come off as gruff and imposing at 6-foot-something. But even when he's a little ruffled, he has a way of charming juries as an everyman type, whether he's pursuing business litigation or criminal law. He shares space in the National Trial Lawyers Hall of Fame with the late Melvin Belli, Johnnie Cochran Jr., William Kunstler, Edward Bennett Williams and very few others.

Bob has counseled clients from all walks of life from U.S. Sen. Bob Graham to The Doors lead singer Jim Morrison after he was arrested on an indecency charge in Miami in 1969.

The Podhurst Orseck partner also served as one of the lead attorneys in the bank overdraft class action litigation, recovering more than \$500 million on behalf of customers who were improperly charged overdraft fees by the nation's largest banks.

He previously was an assistant U.S. attorney for the Southern District of Florida and special counsel to the Dade County grand jury.

Bob has served on many committees including the American Bar Association's standing committee on the judiciary, the U.S. Supreme Court's advisory committee on criminal rules and the Florida Bar board of governors. He received the Florida Supreme Court's Tobias Simon Pro Bono Service Award for his commitment to providing pro bono representation and service to the guardian ad litem program, Community Partnership for the Homeless and Spectrum Drug Rehabilitation Center.

He fights fair in the courtroom and encourages others to do the same by promoting professionalism. A 1994 article he wrote on civility has been reprinted in more than 20 legal journals.

