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Robert T. Vlassis III is a senior attorney based in the Washington, D.C. office of the international law firm Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP. Vlassis specializes in litigating Section 337 investigations before the U.S. International Trade Commission and on patent litigation in various district courts and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. Vlassis has represented complainants, respondents, and third parties in sixteen ITC investigations, including by serving on seven trial teams. Vlassis' clients have included major international companies such as GE, Samsung, Microsoft, and Under Armour.

Vlassis is also dedicated to pro-bono matters and defending the rights of LGBT people and people with HIV. For instance, he led the team that authored the amicus brief on behalf of Human Rights Watch and the New York City Bar Association in *Obergefell v. Hodges*, the landmark Supreme Court case that legalized same-sex marriage nationwide. He also co-authored an amicus brief in *Gloucester County v. G.G.*, the Supreme Court case concerning the right of transgender people to use public restrooms that conform with their gender identity.

Vlassis' representation of immigrant clients fighting deportation as a result of the now-repealed HIV travel and immigration ban was featured in multiple international media outlets including the *Los Angeles Times* and BBC, among others. Vlassis appeared live on multiple BBC programs on the day he secured green cards for his clients and again on the day the ban was officially lifted. Vlassis has been recognized for his pro-bono work, which earned Weil the HIV Law Project's Distinguished Pro Bono Legal Service Award.

Vlassis is a frequent contributor to various publications and has co-authored articles on ITC practice, inter partes reviews (IPRs), patent reform, and pro bono matters.

Vlassis is a member of the ITC Trial Lawyers Association and the ITC section of the American Bar Association. His civic affiliations include service as past chair of the Campaign Board's Eastern Caucus for the Gay & Lesbian Victory Fund and on the Levine School of Music Virtuoso Society Steering Committee. He is a member of the Human Rights Campaign Federal Club, the Lambda Legal Liberty Circle, and the ACLU, and previously served as chairman of the Milby High School Leadership 2000 Mentoring Program.



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