

## REPORT FOR THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

UNITED STATES SENATE

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SUBJECT: Ambassadorial Nomination: Certificate of  
Demonstrated Competence -- Foreign Service  
Act, Section 304(a)(4)

POST: Portugal

CANDIDATE: Robert A. Sherman

Robert A. Sherman, an attorney with Greenberg Traurig, LLP, in Boston, Massachusetts, has wide-ranging trial and regulatory experience, focusing on government investigations and litigation, internal corporate investigations - with an emphasis on Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) compliance - as well as consumer protection and class action defense. A frequent commentator for various local and national media outlets, television, radio and newsprint on legal and political issues, he has been interviewed on a broad range of topics such as the Supreme Court case involving protesting at military funerals, the 2010 midterm elections, the nomination of Judge Sonia Sotomayor to the U.S. Supreme Court, and the constitutional authority of state attorneys general in legal disputes with governors. He also has been active in National Finance with Obama for America, the Democratic National Committee, and other candidates.

Before joining Greenberg Traurig, Mr. Sherman was a Partner/Lawyer at the firm of Eckert, Seamans, Cherin and Mellott in Boston (1994-1999), and Chief of the Consumer Protection Division and Special Counsel to the Massachusetts Attorney General (1990-1993). In 1993, as Special Counsel to the Attorney General, he was responsible for all the federal and multistate initiatives of the Attorney General's Office and had contact with the U.S. Department of Justice, as well as Attorneys General offices around the country. Before that, he was a Lecturer in Law at the Boston University Law School (1991-1992), an Associate/Partner at Gaffin Krattenmaker (Topkins, Gaffin and Krattenmaker) in Boston (1980-1990), and an Associate Lawyer at the Law Offices of Daniel Featherstone, Jr., in Boston (1997-1980).

Mr. Sherman earned a B.A. from the University of Rochester in 1975, and a J.D. from Boston University Law School in 1978. He is listed in Best Lawyers in America and Who's Who in American Law. In 1986, he was awarded the Association for Behavioral Analysis' Humanitarian Award.

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