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Profile

Chris has litigated in the state and federal courts in various jurisdictions throughout the United States for more than 45 years. He represents clients in civil trials and appeals involving commercial matters, will contests, trust disputes, construction claims, government contracts, securities issues, surety bonds, bankruptcy issues, banking, shareholder disputes, corporate and partnership dissolutions, insurance claims, product liability claims, maritime disputes, ERISA litigation and civil rights claims.

He has represented individual and corporate clients involved in contract disputes in Europe and Latin America, and has appeared as counsel in arbitrations or hearings before the American Arbitration Association, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board, Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals and various city, state and federal government agencies. He has acted as trial counsel to major national banks and several municipalities.

Chris' corporate experience includes representing domestic, foreign and international corporations and he has served as counsel to national trade associations, foundations, charities and other nonprofit organizations. He has represented cooperative corporations and condominium associations and been involved in major commercial real property transactions as well as landlord/tenant and secured lender representation.

He has served as an Assistant Corporation Counsel of the City of New York, and on the National Panel of Arbitrators of the American Arbitration Association, as well as the Trustees' Panel of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York.

Honors & Affiliations

- Martindale-Hubbell, AV Preeminent
- Association of the Bar of the City of New York
 - Committee on Trusts, Estates & Surrogate's Courts, 2017- 2020
 - Committee on Professional Discipline, 2009-2012
- The District of Columbia Bar
- New York State Bar Association

Education

- New York Law School (J.D.)
- Marquette University (*Pi Gamma Mu*)

Bar/Court Admissions

- New York (1976)
- District of Columbia (1979)
- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- U.S. Court of Federal Claims
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of New York
- U.S. District Court for the District of Connecticut
- U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia
- U.S. District Court for the District of Vermont

Practices

- Litigation

- Commercial and Federal Litigation Section
- Trusts and Estates Section
- Committee on Estate Litigation, 2003- Present
- Special Committee on Procedures for Judicial Discipline, 2002-2008
- Construction Committee, 1988-1990
- Committee on Certification and Specialization of Trial Lawyers, 1986-1989
- Committee on Civil Practice Law and Rules, 1983-1989
- New York County Lawyers Association
 - Committee on Federal Courts, 1982-1986
 - Young Lawyers Committee, 1979-1984

Representative Presentations

- Lecturer at the New York Bankers Association, New York County Lawyers Association, New York State Bar Association and before various trade groups and philanthropic organizations.

Other Activities

- Trustee, Suffield Academy
 - Budget, Finance & Audit Committee
 - Executive Committee
 - Long Range Planning Committee, Chair
- Served on the boards of a number of nonprofit organizations