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Chris helps clients navigate government enforcement actions and investigations, False Claims Act litigations, government contracting and procurement challenges, and complex civil litigations.

Chris is a partner in Dorsey's Government Solutions and Investigations Practice Group. Chris's practice focuses on government enforcement actions and investigations, False Claims Act litigations, bid protests and related litigations and appeals, government contract disputes, and complex civil litigation. Chris relies on the experiences and insight he gained about the bureaucratic machinery of government as a judicial law clerk and as a US Marine, and the analytical skills gained as a signals intelligence analyst to develop pragmatic, results-oriented legal strategies for his clients.

Chris has first-chaired litigated matters at trial and has experience managing the entire life cycle of a litigation, from developing the legal strategy, investigating the facts, drafting pleadings, briefing and arguing dispositive motions, conducting discovery, negotiating settlements, and presenting effective advocacy at trial.

Chris is also committed to pro bono work. Chris currently serves as a Referee in Conciliation Court and represents veterans appealing benefit claim denials before the Board of Veteran's Appeals and the Court of Appeals for Veteran's Claims. Chris also served as a Special Assistant Public Defender in the Tenth Judicial District from September 2023 to December 2023 and has represented indigent defendants with criminal appeals in the Minnesota appellate courts and the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit.

Before joining Dorsey, Chris clerked for Justice G. Barry Anderson of the Minnesota Supreme Court. Chris is a veteran of the United States Marine Corps, serving from 2007 to 2012 as a Korean Cryptologic Linguist.

Education

- University of Minnesota
 - Humphrey Policy Fellow Program, 2024-2025 Cohort
- New York Law School (Juris Doctor, 2017)
 - *summa cum laude*
- Golden Gate University (Business, 2014)
 - *magna cum laude*

Bar Admissions

- Minnesota

Select Experience

- Represented primary care clinic system in defense against and successful resolution of qui tam action brought under the False Claims Act.
- Represented urgent care clinic system in defense against and successful resolution of qui tam action brought under the False Claims Act.
- Represented Medicaid managed care organization in bid protest litigation and successful defense of contract awards.
- Represented Medicaid managed care organization in bid protest challenge to non-selection and successful negotiation of contract awards.

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for Veteran Claims
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- U.S. Court of Federal Claims

Professional Affiliations

- Minnesota State Bar Association
- Volunteer Lawyers Network, Volunteer Attorney
- MSBA Appellate Practice Section, Special Assistant Appellate Public Defender

Clerkships

- Minnesota Supreme Court, Justice G. Barry Anderson, 2017–2018

Accolades

- *Minnesota Super Lawyers®*, "Rising Stars," 2025-2026
- *Minnesota Monthly*, Top Lawyer in Litigation - Commercial, 2024
- Dorsey & Whitney – Scales of Justice Team Award (Veterans Rights Team), 2025
- Dorsey & Whitney – Scales of Justice Team Award (Rebuilding Our Community Webinar Series), 2021
- Consistently providing pro bono legal assistance to those in need through Dorsey's Pro Bono program
- *MSBA*, North Star Lawyer, 2019-2024

FCA Now

May 4, 2026

Is There FCA Risk in Your Public Data? DOJ Launches the "FOCUS" Initiative, Formalizing Engagement with Data Miner Relators

March 23, 2026

Ninth Circuit Permits 340B Program Enforcement Under the FCA

March 9, 2026

FCA Basics: Government Investigations and Self-Disclosure

February 25, 2026

DOJ Doubles Down on Antidiscrimination FCA Claims, Identifies Problematic Practices

February 17, 2026

FCA Basics: Liability Theories

February 4, 2026

FCA Basics: Statute of Limitations and Timing-Related Defenses

January 23, 2026

False Claims Act Recoveries Top \$6.8 Billion in Record FY 2025

December 22, 2025

FCA Basics: Qui Tam Lawsuits

December 17, 2025

The Eleventh Circuit Hears Oral Argument in Zafirov: The Case that Could Upend Qui Tam Litigation

December 9, 2025

Eleventh Circuit to Hear Argument on Article II Challenge to FCA Qui Tam Provisions in Zafirov

November 24, 2025

FCA Basics: Elements of a Claim

November 12, 2025

Judge Rejects FCA Settlement Deal: No Rubber Stamping and Bromides Won't Do

November 7, 2025

SuperValu: Relators' SCOTUS Victory Turns Pyrrhic After Jury's Defense Verdict and Denial of Post-Trial Motions

November 3, 2025

FCA Basics Series: Introduction to the False Claims Act

May 22, 2025

Department of Justice Launches "Civil Rights Fraud Initiative" to Target DEI Through False Claims Act

Insights

June 3, 2026

More Federal Funding Changes on Tap: OMB Proposes Uniform Guidance Overhaul

May 4, 2026

Is There FCA Risk in Your Public Data? DOJ Launches the “FOCUS” Initiative, Formalizing Engagement with Data Miner Relators

March 30, 2026

New DEI-Focused Executive Order Implements Expansive Audit Authority and Imposes DEI Certification Obligations on All Federal Contractors, Subcontractors

March 23, 2026

What Federal Funding Recipients Should Know About President Trump’s “Task Force to Eliminate Fraud”

February 23, 2026

DOJ Doubles Down on Antidiscrimination FCA Claims, Identifies Problematic Practices

January 27, 2026

Trump Administration’s Anti-DEI Effort Comes for Section 8(a) Program—Small Businesses and Alaska Native Corporations May be the Next Targets of Significant Federal Change and Scrutiny

January 22, 2026

False Claims Act Settlements and Judgments Set New Record, Exceeding \$6.8 Billion in FY 2025

December 11, 2025

Small Business Administration Directs All 8(a) Program Participants to Produce “Financial Records” by January 5, 2026

November 18, 2025

The Court of Federal Claims and the Trump Administration’s Contract and Grant Terminations: A Primer for Federal Grantees and Contractors

November, 6 2025

CMMC Phase 1 Begins November 10, Raising Complex Compliance and Enforcement Risks for Federal Defense Contractors

October 13, 2025

White House Proposes “Compact” With Nine Universities, Seeking Administrative Concessions for Access to Federal Funds

August 12, 2025

More Change to Federal Grant Administration: Political Appointees Overseeing Grantmaking? Uniform Guidance Changes? And Indirect Rate Caps?

August 8, 2025

DOJ’s New Anti-Discrimination Guidance: Pushing the Legal Envelope?

July 9, 2025

DOJ & HHS Announce Reinvigoration of False Claims Act Working Group and Healthcare Fraud Enforcement Priorities

6/27/2025

SCOTUS Curbs Universal Injunctions? So What Does That Mean for You?