

# Chris Martinez

## Partner

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Chris works efficiently for his clients to provide winning results.

Chris is an attorney in the Trial group. His practice is focused in the areas of commercial litigation, direct sales and multi-level marketing, products liability defense, and healthcare litigation. He also has significant experience litigating non-competition agreements and contractual disputes between owners and executives of corporate entities. He has successfully represented clients in disputes involving trade secrets, shareholder derivative claims, partnership disputes, and real property litigation. Chris has advised and represented direct sales companies in disputes related to their products, employees, and distributor compliance and termination. Chris' products liability experience includes defending claims of wrongful death and personal injury due to defective design, manufacturing defects, and/or inadequate warnings. He has represented manufacturers and suppliers of pharmaceuticals, automobiles, off-road recreational vehicles, and consumer appliances in all stages of litigation.

## Select Experience

- *US Hotel Advisors v. TRCF Redondo Hotel* (Utah 3rd Dist. Ct. 2019) Won a multi-day trial resulting in a seven figure recovery of an unpaid broker fee.
- *Goulding & Associates v. Advanced Comfort Technologies* (Utah 4th Dist. Ct. 2018) In a multi-day trial, defeated all claims brought by a consultant seeking millions of dollars for breach of alleged consulting agreement.
- *Honeywell Intern. Inc. v. Utah ITX Partners* (Utah 3d Dist. Ct. 2016) Obtained a preliminary injunction enjoining the landlord from leasing space to a competitor in violation of the lease.
- After a five-day evidentiary hearing, obtained a preliminary injunction shutting down the competitive company formed by a former executive of the client in violation of non-competition provisions in the executive's contract (Utah 3d Dist. Ct. 2017).

## Education

- University of Arizona, James E. Rogers College of Law (J.D., 2006)
  - *summa cum laude*, Order of the Coif, Arizona Law Review Articles Editor
- Weber State University (B.A., 2003)
  - *summa cum laude*, Top Graduating Senior College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Top Graduating Senior Department of Psychology

## Bar Admissions

- Utah

## Professional Affiliations

- State Bar of Utah
- American Inns of Court
- Defense Research Institute
- Direct Sales Association – Affiliate Member

## Clerkships

- U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona, Judicial Extern Magistrate Judge Charles Pyle, 2005–2006

## Charitable & Civic Involvement

- Rocky Mountain Innocence Center, 2013 to present (2013-2019 Board of Directors; 2014-2016 President; 2014 to present Case Review Committee)
- Volunteer Attorney, Rocky Mountain Innocence Center, 2009 to 2012
- Board of Directors, Children's Service Society, 2008 to 2012 (President 2011 to 2012)
- Coach, Evergreen Junior High School Debate Team (2017 to Present)
- Ongoing Pro Bono Representations of Asylum Applicants

## Accolades

- *Chambers USA*, Litigation: General Commercial, Utah, 2021-2026
- *Best Lawyers in America*®, Commercial Litigation, 2024-2026
- *Thomson Reuters*, "Stand-Out Lawyer," 2024-2025
- *Utah Business Magazine*, Utah's Legal Elite (Civil Litigation), 2015-2020
- *Mountain States Super Lawyers*®, "Rising Stars," 2014-2016
- *Weber State University, Department of Psychology*, Alumnus of the Year, 2015
- Utah State Bar Association, Pro Bono Attorney of the Year, 2011
- Federal Bar Association's Elaine R. "Boots" Fisher Award for exemplary community, public and charitable service, 2011

## Languages

- English & Spanish