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A seasoned litigator with almost two decades of experience, Chris represents domestic and international clients in complex litigation and arbitration across the United States.

Chris has successfully represented clients in the chemicals, fintech, maritime, materials science, and natural resources industries, among others. His litigation focus spans consumer products, commercial litigation, deceptive trade practice statutes, emerging contaminants, government contracts, mass torts, and product liability. Known for his unflappable style and aggressive approach to defense, Chris prides himself on his ability to quickly distill and explain complex factual and legal issues to juries.

Chris also has significant experience in domestic and international arbitrations. He has represented small businesses, multinationals, foreign sovereigns, and sovereign entities in investment and commercial arbitrations before the American Arbitration Association (AAA), International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID), and JAMS.

Select Experience

- Counsel to Republic of Hungary and Hungarian State Railways in matter involving issues of first impression before the United States Supreme Court. *
- Counsel to multinational materials science corporation in ongoing groundwater contamination litigation brought by municipal water authorities on Long Island. *
- Defended GoodLeap, LLC in consumer protection, trade practice, and disputes related to the financing of residential solar panel systems. *
- Represented Toyobo Co., Ltd. in connection with False Claims Act litigation brought by the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), class action litigation, multiple personal injury suits, and claims by multiple state attorneys general, and foreign states, among others, relating to the performance of Zylon fiber in bullet-resistant vests used by thousands of law enforcement agencies worldwide. Integral member of trial teams that resolved matters for nuisance value. *

Education

- Georgetown University Law Center (J.D., 2006)
 - *cum laude*
- Georgetown University (B.S., 1999)
 - *cum laude*

Bar Admissions

- New York
- Connecticut
- District of Columbia

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia
- U.S. District Court for the District of Connecticut
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern and Western Districts of Michigan
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern, Northern, and Southern Districts of New York
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit
- U.S. Supreme Court

Professional Affiliations

- Member, American Bar Association
 - Litigation Section
 - Section of Environment, Energy, and Resources (SEER)
- Member, New York State Bar Association
 - Commercial & Federal Litigation Section
 - International Section

Accolades

- *New York Metro Super Lawyers®*, 2023, 2025-2026

Languages

- French
- Spanish