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Chris represents a broad array of corporate and individual clients in all aspects of complex commercial litigation, arbitration, and appeals.

His practice focuses on corporate, partnership, and business disputes, contract disputes, and post-merger and post-acquisition disputes. He also handles cases involving securities, financial services, hedge funds, debt service, EB-5 funding, construction, employment, restrictive covenants, trade secrets, oil and gas, and usury law.

Select Experience

- Assisted in jury trial in breach of contract and tortious interference case between two banks before the Supreme Court of New York, Commercial Division, including preparing opening and closing statements, direct and cross-examinations, motion for directed verdict, bench memos, evidentiary objections, demonstrative exhibits, deposition excerpts for unavailable witnesses, exhibit and witness lists, jury instructions, and jury verdict sheet.
- Conducted the direct examination of fact witness in misappropriation of trade secrets arbitration on behalf of broker-dealer client, addressing trade secret status of client lists and laying factual predicates for damage model.
- Successfully briefed and argued before the Supreme Court of New York, Appellate Division, First Department, in opposition to an appeal from a decision and order denying a motion for leave to amend. See *Crossbeat New York, LLC v LiiRN, LLC*, 169 A.D.3d 604 (1st Dep't 2019).
- Drafted appellate briefs and second chaired argument before the Supreme Court of New York, Appellate Division, First Department, which overturned jury verdict on breach of contract claim, resulting in \$3.7 million benefit to client.

Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York

Education

- Fordham University School of Law (J.D., 2014)
 - *cum laude*
- Fordham University (M.B.A., 2010)
- Fordham University (B.S., 2009)
 - *summa cum laude*
 - Division I Men's Soccer Team, Captain

Bar Admissions

- New Jersey
- New York

