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ADMISSIONS

- District of Columbia
- New York

EDUCATION

- Vanderbilt University Law School, J.D., 2005
- Georgetown University, B.A., 2001

AFFILIATIONS

- National Association of College and University Attorneys, Member
- Journal of College and University Law, Editorial Board, 2007-2013

LANGUAGES

- French

Chris came to Washington to attend college and has been at the intersection of politics and education ever since.

One of Washington's leading political advocates and strategic advisors for the education sector, Chris has a particular interest in supporting organizations that are disrupting the status quo. At its core, Chris's work is about getting to a meaningful and lasting result that supports the mission of his clients, which is simply to provide the best and most affordable education for all.

Chris has been recognized for the depth of his knowledge of education policy, which spans all corners of education, from pre-K through primary, secondary, and postsecondary, from institutions and trade associations to technology companies and investors. Drawing on his intuitive understanding of political dynamics, Chris proactively spots opportunities so that his clients can work collaboratively with policymakers and stakeholders. Conversely, when an agency takes an adverse action, he helps to shape strategies that ultimately lead to a favorable conclusion.

Most recently, Chris helped several clients secure the inclusion of favorable language in the long-awaited reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). His clients also obtained some of the few education policy riders in the latest series of appropriations bills. Chris, his colleagues, and his clients are currently gearing up for the reauthorization of the Higher Education Act (HEA).

A consummate lifelong learner, Chris has a diverse network of experts to whom he can turn for more information or the occasional policy debate. If Chris does not know the answer, he knows who does. Named to National Law Journal's 40 Under 40 list, Chris has been recognized for his "intelligence, remarkable regulatory acumen, and ability to successfully unite disparate groups."

Presentations

- "Department of Education Rulemaking: Impacts on Public Universities and Borrower Defense to Repayment"; APLU Council of Governmental Affairs Summer Conference, Morgantown, WV, August 4, 2016
- "Federal Update: Setting the Stage for Online Higher Education Leaders"; The Summit for Online Leadership and Strategy, Washington,

DC, June 28, 2016

- "Overview from Capitol Hill"; NCHER Legislative Conference, Washington, DC, February 3, 2016
- "Online Education in the Upcoming Reauthorization of the Higher Education Act: Getting Ready & Involved"; Open SUNY Summit, Syracuse, NY, February 27, 2015
- "How to Effectively Lobby Congress"; NCHER Legislative Conference, Washington, DC, February 2015
- "Washington Update: Latest Developments in Online Policy Arena"; The Summit for Online Leadership and Strategy, San Antonio, TX, January 2015
- "Regulating eLearning: The Rocky Road to Higher Education Reauthorization"; Online Learning Consortium International Conference, Orlando, FL, October 2014
- "Federal Online Policy: Table-Based Discussions, Recap, and Draft Positions"; Master of Ceremonies, Online Leadership Roundtable, June 2014
- "The Path to Efficient Regulation of Competency Based Education"; American Enterprise Institute, Washington, D.C., June 2014
- "HEA 10.0: Higher Education Reauthorization in a New Era"; United States Distance Learning Association National Conference, St. Louis, MO, May 2014
- "The Upcoming Higher Education Act Reauthorization: Why the e-Learning Community Should Pay Attention"; Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education Cooperative for Educational Technologies Webcast, April 2014
- "Does Ugly Politics Mean Ugly Policies?"; SXSWedu, Austin, TX, March 2014
- "Understanding the Policy Environment for Online Education: A Panel Discussion"; The Summit for Online Leadership and Strategy, San Diego, CA, January 2014
- "2014 Midterm Electoral Landscape and Impact on Online Education"; The Summit for Online Leadership and Strategy, San Diego, CA, January 2014
- "Presentation to U.S. State Department Technical Working Group with the African Union on accreditation in postsecondary education"; Washington, D.C., 2013
- "HEA Reauthorization: We Need to Pay Attention"; WCET 24th Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX, November 2012

Publications

- Co-Author, "The Nuts and Bolts of Reauthorization"; *Career Education Review*, October 2015

- Co-author, "Rethinking the Regulatory Environment of Competency-Based Education"; *American Enterprise Institute's Center on Higher Education Reform*, May 2015
- "The Higher Education Act: Going Big?"; *Newsletter of the University Professional & Continuing Education Association*, November 2013
- "The Higher Education Act: Progress and Pit Stops"; *Newsletter of the University Professional & Continuing Education Association*, August 2013
- Co-Author, "Breaching the Digital Divide: Personal Experience Matters in Crafting Innovative Education Policy"; *UMUC Center for Intellectual Property Newsletter*, January 2012
- Co-Author, "Technology and Privacy on the 21st Century Campus"; *ACUTA Journal of Information Communications Technology in Higher Education*, 30-34, Fall 2011
- Co-Author, "Online Learning Under Fire"; *UMUC Center for Intellectual Property Newsletter*, June 2011
- "Representant Les Etats-Unis d'Amerique: Reforming the USOC Charter"; *Marquette Sports Law Review*, 7 VAND. J. ENT. L. & PRAC. 233 (2005)
- "Institutional Advancement: Tainted Gifts, Reneging Donors, and Donor Control"; *Lex Collegii*, Winter 2005
- "Defamation in the University Setting: Evaluations and References"; *Lex Collegii*, Spring 2005
- Co-Author, "Zoning and the University: The Academy Meets the Neighborhood"; *Lex Collegii*, Summer 2005