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PRACTICES

- Appellate
- Banking and Financial Services Litigation
- Business Litigation
- Business Ownership and Governances Disputes
- Real Estate and Construction Litigation
- Will and Trust Contests

EDUCATION

- University of Michigan, J.D., 2003
- University of Michigan, B.A., graduated with High Distinction, 2000

ADMISSIONS

- Illinois
- Illinois USDC, Northern District
- Michigan USDC, Eastern District
- US Ct Appeals, 7th Circuit (Covers IL, IN, WI)

AFFILIATIONS

- Chicago Bar Association, Member, Judicial Evaluation Committee, Investigative Division
- Equip for Equality (non-profit), Whistleblower Policy Compliance Officer
- University of Michigan Alumni Association

Christina serves as legal advisor and trial counsel to companies and individuals in commercial matters, including:

- Contract enforcement
- Shareholder disputes
- Fraud, business torts, and deceptive practices
- Will contests
- Warranty matters
- Property and land use litigation
- Appeals

She has represented clients in many sectors including manufacturing & steel, financial, telecommunications, consulting, construction & building materials, accounting, and education, in addition to non-profit organizations. She has obtained injunctions for clients and successfully appealed cases and defended appeals in the state and federal courts.

Industries

- Financial Services
- Manufacturing
- Nonprofit and Charitable Organizations
- Real Estate
- State and Local Government

Recognitions

- Included in "Illinois Super Lawyers" Rising Stars list, 2009-Present

Experience

- **Representative Matters**

Defended officer of a corporation in action to pierce corporate veil to hold him personally liable for corporation debts. Obtained summary judgment in Northern District of Illinois, affirmed by the United States

EMPLOYMENT

- Thompson Coburn LLP Partner, 2013-Present Associate, 2003-2012
- Foley & Lardner Summer Associate, 2001
- John D. Dingell, U.S. House of Representatives Assistant Campaign Manager
- Dr. Dennis MacShane, U.K. House of Commons Issue Researcher

Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit.

Argued appeal in Michigan Court of Appeals on a landowner dispute, with the Michigan Court of Appeals unanimously ruling in favor of client, reversing summary judgment.

Represented numerous majority and minority shareholders in shareholder disputes and breach of fiduciary duty cases, including squeeze-outs.

Defended alleged infringer in federal copyright case, winning summary judgment and obtaining a judgment against plaintiff for attorneys' fees involved in defending the action.

Defended client in a will contest action at trial, resulting in favorable settlement after filing motion for directed verdict at conclusion of plaintiff's case.

Successfully represented bankruptcy trustee in a fraudulent transfer suit. After a bench trial, the court awarded bankruptcy trustee the full amount sought.

Successfully represented a purchaser of a debtor's assets in a bankruptcy case. A party attempted to prevent sale, appealing to District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. In an expedited appeal, court upheld sale to purchaser.

Presentations

- "Client Confidentiality, Attorney-Client Privilege & Work Product Protection: What You Need to Know"; Practising Law Institute (PLI) September 2016
- "Reducing Risk: Corporate & Personal Guaranties"; National Association of Credit Managers June 2016
- "Tips & Techniques to Defend Your Position"; American Business Appraisers, May 2016
- "Mastering Corporations, Partnerships, LLC's & Choice of Entity"; The Rossdale Group, November 2015
- "Creating the Perfect Partnership: Strategies to Protect You and Your Business"; National Association of Women Business Owners Annual Conference, October 2015
- "Powerful Trial Prep & Jury Selection CLE"; The Rossdale Group, April 2015; September 2015
- "Introduction to Securing Risk"; National Association of Credit Managers, Midwest Conference, October 2010
- "Antitrust Compliance"; National Association of Credit Managers, Midwest Conference, October 2009
- "Ethics for In-House Corporate Counsel"; Thompson Coburn LLP, April 2008
- "Antitrust Law: Recent Developments Affecting Traded Associations and Their Members"; National Association of Credit Managers, April 2007;

June 2007

- "Electronic Communications: Minding your P's and Q's"; FagelHaber LLC, November 2006

Publications

- "Protecting the Identity of Your LLC Members & LP Partners in Litigation, Part II: Strategies for Discovery"; March 2015
- "Protecting the Identity of Your LLC Members & LP Partners in Litigations Part I: Motions to Remand"; February 2015
- "The Name Game: Preventing Trademark Infringement against Newly Formed Businesses"; *Illinois State Bar Association, Corporation, Securities & Business Law Forum, Vol. 48, No. 3*, March 2003