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ADMISSIONS

- District of Columbia
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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

Christopher Murray is a founding partner of Thompson Coburn's Lobbying & Policy group.

Chris's practice focuses on the political and regulatory issues affecting the education sector. He has extensive experience representing institutions, associations, and companies related to eLearning, Title IV program compliance, medical education, federal workforce and military education programs, education technology, international trade, and accreditation. Chris is a frequent speaker and author on various education policy topics, most often on the intersection of technology and education. He also maintains a robust pro bono practice and sits on the Board of Directors of Groundswell, one of the nation's leading clean energy and workforce development nonprofits. In 2014, National Law Journal named Chris one of its 40 Under 40.

Presentations

- "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
- "Rethinking the Regulatory Environment of Competency-Based Education"; American Enterprise Institute: 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