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BIOGRAPHY

Christian's experience encompasses a wide range of litigation matters including federal and state employment laws, constitutional law, contract disputes, franchise law, the Uniform Commercial Code, restrictive covenants (e.g., covenants not to compete and nonsolicitation agreements), trade secrets, business torts (e.g., tortious interference with business relationships, misrepresentation, fraud, and negligence), personal torts (assault, battery, intentional infliction of emotional distress, defamation, false imprisonment, invasion of privacy, and negligence), anti-trust, housing law, liability by related and successor corporate entities, construction defects, medical malpractice, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA), broker-dealer litigation/arbitrations, litigation privileges, and charitable solicitation laws. Christian has been involved in several class/collective action lawsuits and has litigated cases in federal and state courts in over 20 states.

Christian has briefed and argued cases before the U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Third Circuit, Seventh Circuit, Eighth Circuit, Ninth Circuit, and Eleventh Circuit, winning every such case, and has successfully opposed every petition for certiorari to the U.S. Supreme Court seeking review of those appellate rulings. Following law school, Christian served as law clerk to the Hon. Alice M. Batchelder of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit from 1992 to 1994.

CIVIC INVOLVEMENT & HONORS

- Law Clerk, Judge Alice M. Batchelder, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Bar Association
- Chicago Bar Association
- National Association of College and University Attorneys

CLERKSHIPS

Clerkship, Honorable Alice M. Batchelder, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, 1992-1994

ADMISSIONS

- Illinois, 1994
- California, 1992
- United States Supreme Court

United States Courts of Appeals for the Third, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth, and Eleventh Circuits

United States District Courts for the Western District of Arkansas; Central, Eastern and Northern Districts of California; Central, Northern and Southern Districts of Illinois; Southern and Northern Districts of Indiana; Western District of Michigan; and Eastern and Western Districts of Wisconsin

EDUCATION

University of Notre Dame, J.D., 1992

Wheaton College, B.A., 1988

RELATED PRACTICE AREAS

- Employment & Labor
- Investigations
- Regulation, Compliance & Advisory
- Litigation & Dispute Resolution
- Current & Deferred Giving Experience
- First Amendment & Religious Accommodations Experience
- Restaurant Practice
- Employment Class & Collective Actions
- Sports (Class Actions)
- Data Privacy, Telecommunications & Collections
- Toxic Tort
- Consumer Fraud
- ERISA & ESOP
- Insurance (Class Actions)
- Pharmaceutical & Medical Devices (Class Actions)
- Higher Education Team
- Campus Free Expression
- Student Affairs & Employment Matters from Title IX to the 2nd Amendment
- Class Actions
- Cross-border Employment Issues
- Antitrust Class Actions
- Shareholder Securities and Mergers & Acquisitions
- Food, Ag & Nutrition (Class Actions)
- Eminent Domain
- Class Actions & Mass Torts
- Financial Services
- Appellate
- Business & Commercial Disputes
- Religious Organizations

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