

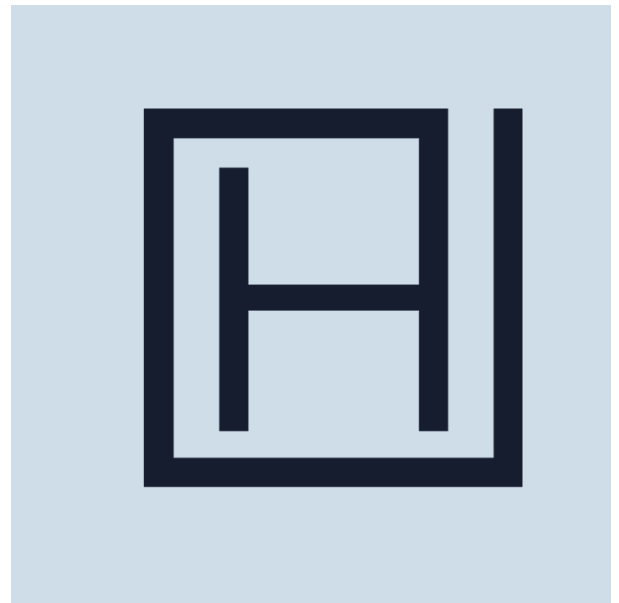
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About Christopher

Christopher advises clients on aviation-related commercial disputes, airline passenger claims, toxic torts, premises liability, and insurance coverage. Of note, he represents a manufacturer of general aviation engines in asbestos litigation in a notoriously plaintiff-friendly jurisdiction, where his team has extensively reduced the number of claims and secured numerous dismissals.

Christopher represents clients in general and commercial aviation product liability and tort disputes, defending aircraft manufacturers, avionics, and component part manufacturers against product liability claims. He also defends flight schools against negligent instruction claims across the country and in foreign jurisdictions. Christopher has represented numerous clients in complex disputes arising from domestic and foreign aircraft accidents—many involving loss of life and property—in multiple state and federal courts.

In addition, Christopher prepares insurance coverage opinions and litigates declaratory judgment actions in commercial and personal injury cases, including aviation, professional liability, environmental, clergy abuse of minors, and maritime cases. His experience also extends to representing clients in housing, family law, real estate, contracts, and administrative issues.

Christopher is a key member of several trial teams, arguing motions in limine, preparing witnesses for direct and cross-examinations, and addressing ongoing legal matters throughout and post-verdict.

Christopher's Affiliations

- Chicago Bar Association, Aviation Law Committee

Areas of Focus

Industries: Aviation & Aerospace; Professional Services; Transportation & Mobility

Services: Appellate; Complex Commercial Litigation ; Insurance Coverage Litigation & Counseling;
Labor & Employment; Litigation & Trial

Experience

- Represented an aircraft operator in litigation arising from a Cessna 421B airplane crash at Palwaukee Municipal Airport, Wheeling, Illinois.
- Represented the aircraft operator in an issue of first impression in the State of Illinois concerning the scope of the educational malpractice doctrine in aviation cases.
- Obtained summary judgment in favor of an international shipping company against personal injury claims resulting from a fall from air stairs.
- Obtained dismissal of claims of design defect of aircraft component parts based on federal preemption.
- Obtained summary judgment in favor of an avionics manufacturer against wrongful death claims for lack of liability and causation evidence.

Recognition

- *Illinois Super Lawyers*, 2017 – 2020, 2023
- Illinois State Bar Association, Young Lawyer Division, Public Service Award, 1996
- American Chemical Society, Certification, 1993

Credentials

Education

Loyola University Chicago School of Law, JD, 1996

Illinois Wesleyan University, BS, 1993

Bar Admissions

Illinois

Court Admissions

US Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit

US District Court for the District of Colorado

US District Court for the Central District of Illinois

US District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

US District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan

Interests

Did you know...

Christopher is an avid runner and has competed in six marathons to date.

With a background in chemistry, Christopher enjoys helping his son with his science homework, discussing the latest scientific breakthroughs with friends, and communicating with clients in engineering and related fields.

Thought Leadership

Presentations

- “Sole Proximate Cause Developments in Illinois,” May 2019
- “What? They Sued Us In Five States?,” May 2018
- “Proving ‘No Evidence’ In A Products Liability Case,” May 2015
- “Dual Pilot Scenarios, A Case Study,” May 2014