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OVERVIEW

An experienced trial attorney, Chris loves digging into cases and strategically lining up the best arguments.

Her gift and passion for the courtroom led Chris to pursue trial work early in her career. Since then, she has represented clients in more than 50 jury trials in state and federal courts across the country. Her clients run the gamut from ammunition manufacturers to telecommunications companies to healthcare providers.

Chris strives to minimize clients' time and costs by negotiating pretrial resolutions or shutting down cases in the earliest stages. When cases do land in the courtroom, Chris excels at communicating with jurors. She has a knack for presenting legal arguments to the real people who make up each jury, and she finds great satisfaction in persuading them of her client's viewpoint.

Industry

Manufacturing

Services

Asbestos Litigation

Commercial Litigation

Labor & Employment

Litigation & Alternative Dispute Resolution

PFAS

Product Liability

Product Safety

Self Storage

Toxic Tort

Experience

- As national counsel, obtained defense verdicts in Iowa, Massachusetts and Virginia jury trials in cases involving claims that questioned the performance and safety of firearms and ammunition brought against Olin Corp., including wrongful death cases. Defended similar cases in Texas, West Virginia, Michigan, California, Illinois, Oregon, Alabama and Oklahoma.
- Obtained favorable jury verdict in case against Canadian manufacturer Westfield Industries Ltd. involving serious injury from use of auger.
- Tried multiple cases resulting in defense verdicts and hung juries in Missouri and California in which plaintiffs alleged that PCBs in food chain caused their non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.
- Favorably litigated many product liability cases in various jurisdictions for Siemens Corp. and its subsidiaries related to electrical equipment, medical equipment and transportation equipment.
- Obtained jury verdict for St. Louis architectural firm in a fraud case over the construction of palace in Saudi Arabia.
- Secured summary judgment in case alleging cancer from exposure to PCBs in food chain. It was first of many cases filed by more than 200 plaintiffs.
- Obtained 17 defense verdicts in a case brought by 17 plaintiffs against Olin Corp. alleging age discrimination in reduction in force action at Illinois ammunition factory. Victory was achieved despite earlier lawsuit handled by different law firm in which worker in the same layoff was awarded \$850,000. *National Law Journal* recognized result as one of the Top Ten Defense Verdicts of 2000.
- Favorably resolved lawsuits against California-based lead-mining company in railroad workers' claims relating to transportation of lead. Three cases over eight years involved dust from gondola cars and loading process and alleged health consequences.
- Obtained defense verdict in jury trial where plaintiff alleged religious discrimination. Judge also awarded defendant \$100,000 in attorneys' fees.

Experience

- Obtained two defense verdicts in two separate jury trials against Sprint Corp. (now T-Mobile) in Kansas federal court alleging age and gender discrimination.
- Represented large St. Louis-based packaging equipment manufacturer in enforcing noncompete agreements and preventing dissemination of trade secrets by former employees.
- Representing Dr. Pepper in a termination of distributorship agreement.
- Represented Siemens in a supply agreement case, resolved before trial.

Recognition

- *Benchmark Litigation*, Local Litigation Star, 2010-2024
- *Benchmark Litigation*, Top 250 Women in Litigation, 2012-2018
- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Employment Law - Management, 2013-2024; Mass Tort Litigation / Class Actions - Defendants, Product Liability Litigation - Defendants, 2021-2024
- Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent
- *Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers*, Business Litigation, 2005-2006, 2008, 2010-2019
- *Missouri Lawyers Media*, Verdicts & Settlements Award, 2024
- *Missouri Lawyers Weekly*, Trial Practitioner Award, 2010
- *National Law Journal*, Top Ten Defense Verdicts of 2000
- *St. Louis* magazine, Best Lawyers, 2013

Education

- J.D., Saint Louis University School of Law
 - *cum laude*
 - Order of the Woolsack
 - *Saint Louis University Law Journal*
- B.S.B.A., University of Missouri
 - Marketing
 - *cum laude*

Admissions

- Missouri
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit
- Illinois
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois (Trial Bar)

Community Leadership

Since 2014, she has served on the board of directors of Boys Hope Girls Hope (BHGH), which helps children reach their academic potential and take full advantage of educational opportunities. BHGH takes committed students out of residential environments that negatively affect their ability to succeed, providing them with a safe place to live and with academic and life support through middle school, high school and college.



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