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Location

Buffalo, New York

Practice Areas

- [Construction Law](#)
- [General Litigation](#)
- [Municipal & Government](#)
- [Product Liability, Fire & Life Sciences](#)
- [Professional Liability](#)
- [Transportation](#)

Admissions

New York, U.S. District Court for the Western District of New York, U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of New York



Biography

Chris is a proven trial lawyer with a track record of achieving tremendous results for clients. He serves as national defense counsel for insured and self-insured clients from a diverse range of industries. He has more than 75 jury verdicts, all of which have resulted in defense verdicts or verdicts lower than client's last settlement offer in damages only trials.

Chris focuses his practice on malpractice and negligence claims against nursing homes and long-term-care facilities, as well as complex litigation arising from trucking, labor law worksite injury, commercial premises, automobile, product and municipal losses. He has extensive experience in Federal Court as well as throughout the New York court system, including the New York State Supreme Court and New York State Appellate Division.

In almost 25 years of practice, he honed and focused his skills in trial work, including serving as the Vice Chair of the American Bar Association Trial Tactics Committee — which is the largest group of trial attorneys in the country. He has also written articles and given lectures on jury selection, trial tactics, and closing arguments. Chris is often called upon by clients to parachute into large exposures as trial counsel.

Education

- State University of New York at Buffalo, School of Law, J.D. 1997
- Canisius College, MBA
- Canisius College, B.A., 1991

Honors

- Upstate Super Lawyers 2012-2025
- Named in New York Times' Magazine "Top Attorneys in New York," 2014-2024
- Names as one of New York Metro Top Lawyers
- Named in Buffalo Business First's "Who's Who in the Law"
- Named in Buffalo Business First's "Legal Elite of Western New York"
- Named in Hudson Valley's Magazine "Top Attorneys in Upstate New York"



Professional Leadership

- Vice Chair, Trial Tactics Committee, American Bar Association

Professional Leadership

- Co-presenter, “safety regulations,” Lorman Educational Services Seminar – trucking litigation and dot regulations in New York.

Publications

- Author, “Closing Arguments: Not Just a ‘Free-for-All,’ Part Two,” American Bar Association, *Minority Trial Lawyer*, spring 2014
- Author, “Closing Arguments: Not Just a ‘Free-for-All,’ Part One,” American Bar Association, winter 2014
- Author, “Closing Arguments — Not Just a ‘Free-for-All,’” American Bar Association Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section Trial Techniques Committee Newsletter, Summer 2012