



Location

San Francisco, CA

Education

University of California,
Hastings College of Law
(J.D., *magna cum laude*,
1990) *Order of the Coif*,
Editor-in-Chief, Hastings
Law Journal (1989-90)

University of
Massachusetts, Amherst
(B.A., 1985)

Areas of Practice:

Intellectual Property

Complex & High-Stakes
Litigation

- Bankruptcy, Third Party & Professional Liability
- Business Divorce Matters - Shareholder Oppression Claims, Partnership Litigation, and Private Company Transactions

Mediation, Alternative

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Chris has successfully represented a wide variety of clients in major litigation, including both plaintiffs in business litigation and large corporate defendants. He has represented bankruptcy estates and unsecured creditors' committees, major corporations (American Honda, American Express, and Southland, the 7-11 franchisor), real estate developers, a financial institution, and a famous underwater photographer. Chris represents individuals and smaller businesses against large corporations.

Chris is also active in local politics to the Marin County Board of Supervisors and is a member of the Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Group.

Awards / Honors

- Selected for inclusion in the 23rd Edition of The Best lawyers in America, 2017
- Selected to Super Lawyers 2010-2019

Representative Cases

- In re Heller Ehrman, LLP – recovered over \$40 million to date representing the estate of Heller Ehrman against dozens of defendants, including a recovery of more than \$20 million in a preference action against Bank of America; a settlement for \$4.9 million in a legal malpractice action; \$7.5 million from a major law firm and a former client of Heller Ehrman; and more than \$4.5 million from a number of law firms in Jewel v. Boxer actions.
- In re Tri Valley Growers – recovered over \$34.5 million from bringing a large number of cases representing the estate of a large agricultural corporation including a suit against its grower-members; an action against directors and officers insurers that settled for \$17.5 million; and a professional malpractice case against a national accounting firm.
- Borman v. American Honda – defended American Honda in a national, federal class action filed against it by hundreds of its dealers and in related state court lawsuits.

Clerkships

Dispute Resolution, and
Domestic Arbitration

Admitted to Practice:

California

U.S. Court of Appeals, 9th
Circuit

U.S. District Court,
Northern District of
California

U.S. District Court,
Eastern District of
California

U.S. District Court,
Central District of
California

U.S. District Court,
Western District of
California

U.S. District Court,
Southern District of
California

Law Clerk to the Honorable Melvin T. Brunetti, Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals
1991-1992

Teaching Positions

- Teaching Fellow, Stanford Law School: Taught Legal Writing and Research as well as an undergraduate class at Stanford, Law and Literature in Society, 1990-1991

Committee Representations

- Chair of Legislative Subcommittee and Member of Business Litigation Committee for the Business Law Section of the State Bar of California
- Lawyer Representative to the Ninth Circuit for the United States District Court, Northern District of California
- Executive Committee Member and Past President, Federal Bar Association, Northern District of California Chapter
- Chair Elect Executive Committee, Bankruptcy Section of the National Federal Bar Association
- Executive Committee Member and Past Secretary, National Federal Bar Association
- Board of Governors of Hastings Law School

Memberships

- Mediator, Northern District of California, ADR Panel
- Mediator, Northern District of California, BDRP