

Christopher A. Klimmek

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Overview

Christopher "Chris" Klimmek practices in the area of complex business disputes and has experience with trial and appellate litigation in state and federal courts, and with arbitration proceedings. He has litigated a wide variety of claims, including breach of contract, misrepresentation, breach of fiduciary duty, successor liability, violations of state and federal securities laws, unfair trade practices and false claims acts.

Before joining the firm, Chris practiced for five years in Washington, D.C., and clerked for the Honorable Jane R. Roth of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

Experience

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Represented lighting manufacturer, sales agents, and their employees in defense of contract, tort, and Franchise Act claims brought by competing sales agent.

Represented automotive finance and insurance consultant in dispute with finance and insurance product provider, obtaining summary judgment on provider's claims and defeating summary judgment on consultant's counterclaim.

Represented vehicle manufacturer in securing dismissal of negligence and failure to warn claims arising from vehicle training accident.

Represented heiress in probate of husband's estate and parallel commercial litigation with family members.

Represented aerospace companies in multiple domestic and international arbitrations with suppliers and customers.

Served as co-lead trial counsel to group of Brazilian pig iron producers in veil piercing action to enforce foreign arbitral award, successfully obtaining spoliation sanctions and defeating defendants' motion for summary judgment; case resolved during trial.

Represented retail energy services provider in securing dismissal of putative consumer class action alleging unfair business practices.

Represented trustee in defense of breach of fiduciary claims alleging imprudent investments.

Practices & Industries

Energy Litigation

Litigation

Shareholder and Securities Litigation

Represented nationwide energy company in arbitration proceeding arising from power purchase agreement that resulted in award rejecting opponent's claim and sustaining company's counterclaim in full.

Represented leading travel services company in securing dismissal of putative consumer class action.

Represented special litigation committee of the board of directors of a community bank in investigation and report on shareholder demand and subsequent suit challenging pending merger; the committee's report resulted in dismissal of the suit.

Represented prominent aviation business in parallel proceedings in Connecticut and New York arising from dispute over joint venture; matter was settled on favorable terms at the pleading stage.

Education and Credentials

Education

Georgetown University Law Center, J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2008, Order of the Coif; *The Tax Lawyer,* Co-Managing Editor

University of California, Berkeley, B.A., 2002

Admissions

State of Connecticut

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

District of Columbia

State of Maryland

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

Languages

French

Recognition and Community

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Recognitions

Recognized as Pro Bono Attorney of the Year by the Capital Area Immigrants' Rights Coalition, 2009

Insights

Revisiting the Relatedness Standard: The Supreme Court's Decision in *Ford Motor Co. v. Montana Eighth Judicial District Court* Refines the Standard for Specific Jurisdiction and Leaves Unanswered Questions
March 29, 2021

Updated: Lamont Executive Order Grants Partial Immunity to Healthcare Providers Responding to COVID-19
April 7, 2020

Can He Do That? The Governor's Authority to Suspend or Modify Statutes in an Emergency Like the Covid-19 Pandemic
April 4, 2020

News

Putting Your Best Foot Forward: Best Practices For Application Materials/Interviews
March 8, 2024

Christopher A. Klimmek
January 24, 2020

2020 Promoted Partners
January 24, 2020

Day Pitney Promotes Five New Partners
January 2, 2020

In The Media

Gov. Lamont's Executive Orders Have Helped CT Beat Back COVID-19, but Some Businesses Want to Curtail His Powers
Hartford Business Journal, July 14, 2020

Penalizing Tax Petitions: Why the Erroneous Refund Penalty in Code § 6676 Violates Taxpayers' First Amendment Rights
68 Tax Law, Spring 2015

Tenth Amendment Challenges after Bond v. United States
46 U.S.F.L. Rev. 995, January 1, 2012

Chapter 15: Coordination of Litigation in State and Federal Courts
Business and Commercial Litigation in Federal Courts, West & ABA Section of Litigation, 3d ed., January 1, 2011