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### OVERVIEW

Christopher F. Droney brings to the firm his extensive knowledge and experience as a litigator and judge to assist clients in multiple areas of law.

Judge Droney rejoined Day Pitney after eight years as a judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and 14 years as a judge of the U.S. District Court for the District of Connecticut. Before these judicial posts, Judge Droney served as the U.S. Attorney for Connecticut, the chief federal law enforcement officer for the state.

In his years on the federal appellate and trial bench, Judge Droney presided over many trials and appeals, and authored opinions on civil and criminal matters, including constitutional issues, intellectual property, (including patents), breach of contract, antitrust, securities litigation, class actions, insurance, employment, criminal law and procedure, and other topics.

While on the Court of Appeals, Judge Droney was a member of the Committee for the Administration of the U.S. Bankruptcy Courts of the U.S. Judicial Conference. He was also a member of the board of directors of the Federal Judges Association.

As U.S. Attorney for Connecticut, Judge Droney supervised numerous criminal investigations, including grand jury matters. He was also a member of Attorney General Janet Reno's Advisory Committee of U.S. Attorneys, and the chair of the Civil Issues Subcommittee of the Attorney General's Advisory Committee.

Prior to his federal appointments, Judge Droney was a partner in a Hartford law firm, where he was a civil and criminal trial attorney. He has lectured on trial and appellate advocacy at Yale Law School and the University of Connecticut School of Law, as well as the U.S. Department of Justice's National Advocacy Center.

## SERVICES

GOVERNMENT ENFORCEMENT AND WHITE COLLAR CRIMINAL DEFENSE

APPELLATE PRACTICE

SHAREHOLDER AND SECURITIES LITIGATION

EMPLOYMENT AND LABOR

SECURITIES ENFORCEMENT DEFENSE

INTERNAL INVESTIGATIONS

LITIGATION

## INDUSTRIES

INSURANCE AND REINSURANCE

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND TECHNOLOGY

## INSIGHTS

**2022 BRINGS NEW PRIORITIES IN CIVIL AND CRIMINAL ENFORCEMENT FOR U.S. JUSTICE DEPARTMENT**

Co-author, January 18, 2022, *Connecticut Law Tribune*

**PREPARATION IS KEY: A SUCCESSFUL MOOT SESSION IS VITAL FOR APPELLATE ARGUMENTS**

Author, September 30, 2021, *Connecticut Law Tribune*

**TIPS FOR EFFECTIVE APPELLATE ARGUMENTS**

Author, May 21, 2021, *Connecticut Law Tribune*

**THE INVESTIGATION AND ENFORCEMENT LANDSCAPE UNDER THE GARLAND DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

Co-Author, February 10, 2021, *New York Law Journal*

**A JUDGE'S TIPS FOR ARGUING REMOTE APPEALS IN THE SECOND CIRCUIT**

Author, January 7, 2021, *Law.com*

## NEWS

## **ANSWER DESK: IMPACT OF ROE V. WADE LEAK ON SUPREME COURT**

Featured, May 4, 2022, *WFSB 3 CBS Connecticut*

## **IN ELITE COMPANY: ANNOUNCING 2022'S CONNECTICUT LEGAL AWARDS HONOREES**

Featured, March 22, 2022, *Connecticut Law Tribune*

## **BIG CHANGES COMING WITH BIDEN ADMINISTRATION'S M&A REVIEW**

Quoted, January 20, 2022, *Connecticut Law Tribune*

## **STRATEGY MOVING FORWARD: POST COVID-19 ADVICE FOR MEDIATIONS**

Authored, July 19, 2021, *Connecticut Law Tribune*

## **AMERICAN LAW INSTITUTE ELECTS 41 NEW MEMBERS**

Featured, July 6, 2021, *The American Law Institute*

## **EDUCATION AND CREDENTIALS**

### **EDUCATION**

University of Connecticut School of Law, J.D.

The College of the Holy Cross, B.A.

### **ADMISSIONS**

State of Connecticut

## **RECOGNITION AND COMMUNITY**

### **RECOGNITION**

Chosen for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America* (Woodward/White, Inc.), Appellate Practice, 2023, Criminal Defense: White-Collar, 2023, Litigation - Securities, 2023

Recipient of Honorary Degree in Laws from the University of Connecticut, 2016

Recipient of the Special Recognition Award from the Hartford Spanish-American Merchants Association, 1997

Recipient of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) New England Field Division Award, 1997

Recipient of the Distinguished Law Enforcement Award from the Hartford Police Union, 1994

### **COMMUNITY**

Town of West Hartford, Mayor, 1985-89