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Profile Introduction

Chris is a litigator and trial lawyer with experience in a broad range of areas, including complex breach of contract disputes, intellectual property litigation, breach of fiduciary duty, shareholder disputes, employment non-compete disputes, and design and construction defect. Chris handles all aspects of dispute resolution, from initial investigation, into trial and through the appellate process. He also has experience advising boards of directors on diverse strategic planning and business matters as outside general corporate counsel.

In his time away from the office, Chris enjoys biking, downhill and telemark skiing, hiking, and carpentry/woodworking.





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Representative Cases/Matters

- Represented *Fortune 100 tech company* against competitor seeking \$4 billion in annual royalties relating to client's implementation of certain standard wi-fi and video-compression technologies. In first trial, royalty rate was set at \$1.8 million. In second trial, jury found in favor of client, awarding \$14.5 million for breach of commitment to make technologies available on reasonable terms.
- Represented *Fortune 100 tech company* in case involving breach of contract and trade secret misappropriation claims in excess of \$1 billion relating to software development contract. Favorable settlement achieved while motion for summary judgment was pending.
- *SVT v. Storey Construction* (and) *SVT v. Lake Flato*: Represented Tom Hanks and Rita Wilson in multi-million dollar construction and design defect cases against general contractor and design team of vacation home.
- *CEES v. Washington River Protection Services*: Represented DOE prime contractor on Hanford super-fund clean-up site against subcontractor seeking \$50 million in damages for breach of contract. Settled shortly before trial.
- *Jain v. J.P. Morgan*: Represented target of largest ever insider-trading award under 16(b) of Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 (\$232 million) in malpractice/negligence action against former counsel and other fiduciaries.
- *Olympic Pipe Line Co. v. Shell Oil Pipeline Co.*: Represented Olympic in action to collect \$3.6 million trust



fund in factually complex case involving former shareholder's competing claim as an unpaid creditor in prior bankruptcy proceedings. Recovered \$3 million in settlement weeks before trial.

- *Kaimakis v. DMSI et al.*: Pursued breach of fiduciary duty and related claims in derivative action on behalf of shareholder/director of closely-held company. Settlement involved replacement of certain key people, prevented dissolution, and implemented new controls for proper corporate governance.
- *Carpenters Tower, LLC v. SDL*: Represented general contractor against owner of hi-rise apartment building in case involving significant construction and structural defect claims in excess of \$90 million.
- *Lisitsyn v. GPS Tile & Marble*: Represented business owner against independent contractors' claims of failure to pay statutory prevailing wages. After four-day trial, judge reversed prior summary judgment ruling of liability, dismissed all claims, and awarded owner its reasonable attorney fees.
- *Western Mortgage v. KeyBank*: Defended Key Bank against claims of breach of contract, misrepresentation, and breach of representations and warranties by purchaser of \$17 million loan portfolio.
- *U.S. Trust v. SunTrust et al.*: Represented trust company in multi-party litigation involving fraud and forgeries by insurance broker in connection with unique life insurance product valued at \$5.5 million.
- *In re ProAir*: Represented start-up airline against investor who failed to supply promised financing through pledge of stock worth \$20 million in one-week trial involving breach of contract and Washington State Securities Act claims.
- *Olympic Pipe Line Co. v ESIS, Inc.*: Sought \$2 million from ACE subsidiary based on breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duty and indemnification claims.
- *Caswell v. Olympic Pipe Line Co.*: Successfully defended toxic tort, wrongful death action.
- *Keithly v. Intelius, Inc.*: Represented internet company against consumer class action claims of unfair and deceptive on-line trade practices.
- *Fairfield Development, LP v. The Boeing Co.*: Represented commercial developer against former landowner in action to recoup multi-million dollar cost of environmental cleanup and remediation of contaminated soils under Washington's Model Toxics Control Act.

Memberships

- Federal Bar Association
- King County Bar Association
- Seattle IP Inn of Court

Honors

- Washington State "Litigation Star," litigators ranked at the top of their field by clients and peers in *Benchmark Litigation: The Definitive Guide to America's Leading Litigation Firms and Attorneys*



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- Washington State "Labor & Employment Star," *Benchmark Litigation Labor and Employment*



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- Named to *The Best Lawyers in America* list, 2021



- Washington Super Lawyers "Top 100" List (2016-2020)
- Named a "Super Lawyer" by Washington Super Lawyers (2014-2020)
- Previously named a "Rising Star" by Washington Super Lawyers (2006-2013)
- Rated AV Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbell

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Education

- University of Washington School of Law (J.D., 2002)
- Williams College (B.A., psychology, 1995, *cum laude*)

Bar Admissions

- Washington State
- United States District Court for the Western District of Washington
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Washington
- United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth District



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- United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh District

Clerkships

- Extern for the Honorable John C. Coughenour, United States District Court-Western District of Washington (2000)