



Christine A. Knipper

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Christine Knipper is a go-to resource for clients faced with high-stakes cases, whether professional liability, complex tort, wrongful death or other high-exposure matters. Christine's ability to connect and communicate with all players in the legal arena makes her a formidable advocate and has earned her the respect of clients, colleagues and adversaries alike. In addition to her legal skills, Christine's business acumen enables her to handle difficult and sensitive matters with the utmost decorum, judgment and skill.

With a focus on risk identification and litigation management, Christine defends complex and high-exposure matters, with an emphasis on product liability, mainly in the life sciences categories, as well as general and professional liability matters. She has represented foreign and domestic clients across a wide range of industries before state and federal courts.

Christine manages litigation from inception through resolution. She has substantial trial experience and, as an essential member of a number of trial teams, has obtained voluntary agreements for dismissal of actions that failed to establish a basis for the claims following service of dispositive motions, investigation or discovery. She also has moved successfully for summary judgment or dismissal in a multitude of cases.

Product Liability/Life Sciences

Product liability cases rarely are limited to one court or jurisdiction, and Christine is keenly aware of the national and often international implications of these cases. The scale of potential liability is vast, and her experience involves a range of products, including medical devices and mechanical and electrical products. Christine often works with integrated teams, marshaling those resources required to properly advise clients and to mount vigorous defenses for their products. This shared knowledge ensures a coordinated, cost-effective approach, whether a claim arises out of a product's design, manufacture or marketing.

Services

- Design Professionals
- Complex Tort & General Casualty
- France
- Life Sciences
- Professional Liability & Services
- Product Liability, Prevention & Government Compliance

Professional Liability

Christine has represented attorneys, design professionals and accountants, among others, in cases alleging professional malpractice. She is well versed in the unique aspects of malpractice defenses and works closely with her clients to achieve a positive and workable outcome. Christine has successfully obtained the early dismissal of legal malpractice and other professional liability actions, via summary judgment or otherwise.

Complex Tort & General Casualty

Christine has represented clients in all types of casualty and general liability matters. She has successfully defended them through motions for summary judgment or careful and deliberate targeting of early resolution as dictated by the circumstances of the case. She assists her clients in mitigating and managing exposure through claims and litigation management and is well versed in the concepts surrounding extra-contractual damages. Christine regularly handles construction matters, wrongful death claims, workplace injuries and catastrophic accidents.

Education

- Boston University School of Law (J.D., *cum laude*, 2001)
- University of Texas at Austin (B.A., 1997)

Bar Admissions

- Massachusetts
- New York

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals, First Circuit
- U.S. District Court, District of Massachusetts

Professional Affiliations

- Massachusetts Bar Association
- Women's Bar Association of Massachusetts
- Massachusetts Defense Lawyers Association; President 2022–2023; Vice President 2021–2022; Board of Directors
- American Bar Association

Awards & Honors

- Selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*®, 2024-2026
- Selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*® *Women in Law*, 2025
- Selected by Best Lawyers in America® as Lawyer of the Year™ Product Liability Litigation – Defendants, Boston, 2025
- Selected for inclusion in *Super Lawyers Rising Stars*, Massachusetts - 2008–2009,

2013-2014

Languages

- French

Representative Matters

Professional / Lawyers Liability Defense

- Multiple successful motions to dismiss and motions for summary judgment of lawsuits against lawyers, including successful motions to dismiss of alleged claims for violations of RICO, obstruction of justice, extortion and a conspiracy to commit fraud; successful motion for summary judgment involving allegations related to handling of estate based on statute of limitations grounds; and successful motions to dismiss on prior action pending and for failure to state a claim.
- Successfully moved to dismiss legal malpractice claims filed in Bankruptcy Court, with Court holding that bankruptcy trustee lacked standing to assert the claim against bankruptcy debtor's counsel for failing to record declaration of homestead for debtor's real property before filing bankruptcy case.
- Defeated partial summary judgment, offensively filed by plaintiff, on novel question of law involving claim of the unauthorized practice of law.
- Obtained voluntary dismissal of lawsuit against lawyer following service of anti-SLAPP motion.
- Defended multimillion-dollar accounting malpractice lawsuit involving foreign distressed assets; drafted and argued dispositive motions in different jurisdictions resulting in successful resolution.

General Liability Defense

- Successfully moved in limine for exclusion of conscious pain and suffering evidence in wrongful death trial, resulting in preclusion of evidence at trial.
- Successfully defended wrongful death action by moving for summary judgment following extensive deliberate discovery, resulting in dismissal of claims.
- Secured dismissal of significant property damage claim against security alarm and monitoring company following service of summary judgment submissions

Product Liability / Life Sciences Defense

- Defended medical device company in three parallel putative class action lawsuits involving allegations of medical monitory, failure to warn and failure to provide appropriate reprocessing protocols.
- Successfully moved for removal of sanctions order of admitted liability in wrongful death medical device case, following retention and takeover of the case from prior law firm.

- Obtained voluntary dismissal of product liability lawsuit against foreign manufacturer, following service of motion to dismiss for lack of personal jurisdiction.
- Obtained voluntary dismissal of several product liability actions against foreign medical device supplier, following service of motions to dismiss and significant negotiations.
- Obtained voluntary dismissal of claims pending in federal court against national retailer, following investigation and specific discovery.
- Obtained voluntary dismissal of products liability claims pending in federal court against manufacturer, following strategic discovery.
- Defended manufacturer of riding leaf blower in product liability action involving significant and permanent personal injuries.
- Defended heavy equipment leasing company through trial in wrongful death case involving articulated boom tip-over.