



Christopher Martin

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Christopher Martin is an experienced litigator who focuses his practice on professional liability defense of lawyers, insurance agents and design professionals, as well as complex tort and general liability cases, commercial transportation cases, insurance coverage matters, product liability cases, commercial disputes and construction site/labor law matters. Chris also defends employers against a wide variety of claims in complex matters, often spanning multiple forums in the investigatory and litigation stages.

Whether defending an employment matter in federal court or responding to allegations at the administrative level, Chris seeks to understand and appreciate the unique concerns of his clients and tailor each representation accordingly. His attention to detail for all matters begins at the e-discovery stage and includes ongoing preparation in the event the matter reaches the appellate stage.

Chris has significant experience handling cases from pre-litigation investigations to case inception through appeals in state and federal courts. He has appeared in supreme courts in 43 of the 62 counties throughout New York State, including those in the metropolitan New York City area, and in federal courts throughout upstate New York. Chris also frequently handles matters pending before various administrative agencies, including the Division of Human Rights. Chris's clients include lawyers, law firms, insurance agents and agencies; corporations; property owners and managers; product manufacturers and distributors, including food and drug providers; insurance companies; contractors; and employers of all types.

Chris prides himself on being a formidable adversary and zealous advocate on behalf of clients, while maintaining amicable working relationships with opposing counsel. Similarly, Chris strongly believes that good client relationships revolve around frequent and frank communication throughout the litigation process.

Services

- Appellate
- Design Professionals
- Complex Tort & General Casualty
- Construction
- e-Discovery
- Employment & Labor
- Insurance Agents & Brokers
- Lawyers' Liability
- National Trial Team
- Product Liability, Prevention & Government Compliance
- Professional Liability & Services
- Real Estate Professionals
- Transportation

Apropos of his workstyle and determination, in 2020 Chris became an official Adirondack Forty-Sixer, with membership limited to those certified as having climbed the 46 tallest peaks in New York's Adirondack Park. Further, in 2023, Chris became an official Adirondack Winter Forty-Sixer, a very exclusive group with membership limited to those certified as having climbed those 46 peaks between December 21 and March 21.

Education

- Brooklyn Law School (J.D., 2007)
- Georgetown University (B.A., 2003)

Bar Admissions

- New York

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Western District of New York
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York

Professional Affiliations

- New York State Bar Association
- Albany County Bar Association
- DRI: The Voice of the Defense Bar

Awards & Honors

- Selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America®*, 2025-2026
- Best Lawyers, Albany "Lawyer of the Year" for Product Liability Litigation – Defendants, 2024
- Selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America®* in the areas of Product Liability Litigation - Defendants, 2022–2024; Legal Malpractice Law - Defendants and Professional Malpractice Law - Defendants, 2023

Publications

March 2024

Professionally Speaking

July 10, 2023

New York Court of Appeals Decision Puts Employers on Notice of the Court's Reach in Determining Negligent Supervision and Retention of an Employee

