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Practice

Aviation
Class Action
Commercial Litigation
Corporate & Special
Investigations
Data Privacy & Cybersecurity
Health Care
Insurance
Maritime
Medical Malpractice
Products Liability &
Toxic Torts

Admissions

Florida

U.S. District Court
Middle District of Florida
Southern District of Florida

U.S. Court of Appeals
Eleventh Circuit

U.S. Supreme Court

Education

University of Florida
Levin College of Law, J.D.

Clemson University, B.S.

With over 35 years of experience and being AV Preeminent Peer Review Rated by Martindale Hubbell for over 20 years, Christopher Knight handles a broad range of civil litigation matters and leads a large team comprised of senior and junior partners, as well as associates.

Chris represents Fortune 500 companies, major insurance carriers, several airlines and manufacturers in state and federal courts. He has served as lead counsel in the defense of multi-district and class action litigation involving product liability, insurance and attorney general investigations.

A skilled trial attorney, with the understanding of scientific and technical issues necessary to his practice, Chris has tried numerous cases to verdict. His strategic approach to litigation involves the analysis of the benefits and risks associated with trial and settlement tactics, as well as the business impact and public relations concerns associated with high-profile, high-stakes litigation.

Practice Focus

Chris devotes a significant portion of his practice to the defense of cruise lines, medical malpractice and health care-related claims. He has had tremendous success defending health care systems, institutions and practitioners in complex, multi-million dollar lawsuits. He also has experience successfully trying wrongful termination and whistleblower cases. Chris continues to serve as lead counsel for a major South Florida medical school in litigation and regulatory proceedings.

As the leader of the Firm's Corporate & Special Investigations Practice Group, Chris guides and defends major corporations through their most sensitive and urgent issues by ensuring that their internal investigations limit exposure and identify future problematic issues.

He also represents domestic and international airline carriers, aircraft and engine manufacturers and maintenance providers in litigation arising from mass disasters and aircraft accidents. Chris recently defended an airline against allegations of negligence and product defect resulting from a catastrophic accident that killed nearly 200 people in Brazil.

In the products arena, Chris handles products liability and related litigation for notable manufacturers, distributors and retailers. He is experienced with the defense of products from various industries, such as agriculture, construction, medical and sports and recreation.

Professional Associations and Memberships

- International Association of Defense Counsel
- American Board of Trial Advocates
 - President of Miami Dade County Chapter, 2022
 - President-Elect of Miami Dade County Chapter, 2020-2021
- American Bar Association
- The Florida Bar, Trial Lawyers Section Executive Council
 - Special Advisor

Professional Associations and Memberships (Continued)

- The Florida Bar, Trial Lawyers Section Teachers Law School Committee
 - Past Speaker
- Florida Defense Lawyers Association
 - Past Board Member
- Dade County Bar Association
- American Society for Healthcare Risk Management
- Defense Research Institute

In the News

- Quoted, "The 'Small Silver Lining' of COVID-19? Law Firms Are Teaming Up," *The Daily Business Review*, April 2020
- "Trial Pros: Fowler White's Christopher Knight", *Law360*, June 2016

Speaking Engagements

- Panelist, "Receiving, Managing and Settling Pre-Litigation and Litigation Aerospace Insurance Claims: Trends for the Future, Learning from the Past," 12th Annual McGill University Conference on International Aviation Liability, Insurance, & Finance, October 18, 2019
- Panelist, "Powerhouse Cross-Examination Tools," *Daily Business Review A View from the Bench: Legends of the Courtroom*, June 12, 2015.
- Panelist, "Jurisdiction And Forum Non Conveniens," McGill University Institute of Air and Space Law 8th Annual Conference, April 17, 2015.
- Panelist, "Strategies for Avoiding Qui Tam Relator (Whistleblower) Controversies and Action," ALFA International's 2015 International Client Seminar, March 6, 2015.
- Panelist, "Medical Malpractice with the Legends," Dade County Bar Association Bench & Bar Conference, February 20, 2015.
- Panelist, "Daubert, Damages, And Divining Class Certification Post Walmart And Comcast: A New Era Or Business As Usual?," ALFA International's 2014 Product Liability & Complex Torts Practice Group Seminar, July 17, 2014.
- Panelist, "Recent Trends In Medical Malpractice And Health Care Actions", Dade County Bar Association Bench and Bar Conference, February 28, 2014.

Professional Honors

- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, 2008 to Present Edition
 - Medical Malpractice Law - Defendants; Recognized as "*Lawyer of the Year*" in 2019 edition
 - Personal Injury Litigation - Defendants; Recognized as "*Lawyer of the Year*" in 2020 edition
 - Products Liability Litigation - Defendants
- AV® Preeminent™ Peer Review Rated, *Martindale-Hubbell*
- *Chambers USA*, Litigation: Medical Malpractice Defense-Florida: South, 2021
- *Benchmark Litigation*, Litigation Star, Aviation and Commercial, 2021-Present
- *South Florida Legal Guide*, Top Lawyer in Product Liability-Defense and Medical Malpractice-Defense, 2007 - Present
- *Florida Super Lawyers*, Top Rated Civil Litigation Attorney, 2006 - Present
- *Florida Super Lawyers*, Top 100 Miami, 2010 - 2012
- *Super Lawyers Business Edition*, Civil Litigation: Defense, 2014
- *Florida Trend*, Legal Elite, 2008 – 2015, 2017 - 2018, 2021
- *South Florida Business Journal*, Power Leaders in Law & Accounting, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017
- *South Florida Business Journal*, Leading Lawyers in South Florida, 2013, 2017
- *Martindale-Hubbell and American Lawyer Media*, Top Rated Lawyers in Health Care, 2013
- *South Florida Business Journal*, Key Partner Award, Finalist, 2006
- *South Florida Business Journal*, Heavy Hitter in Health Care