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Christopher S. Dodrill focuses his practice on class action defense, complex commercial disputes, business torts, financial services litigation, data privacy actions, franchise litigation, and internal investigations. Chris also serves as the pro bono liaison for the firm’s Dallas office.

Chris has experience in federal, state and local government. For four years, Chris served as a Deputy Attorney General in West Virginia, overseeing trial court and appellate litigation involving various state programs. Before law school, Chris was a surface warfare officer in the U.S. Navy.

Capabilities

[Litigation](#) | [State Attorneys General Practice](#) | [Class Action Litigation](#) | [Franchise & Distribution](#)

Experience

Representative Matters

Breach of Contract/Commercial Litigation

- Represented national power equipment repair company in commercial lease dispute.^o
- Represented major coal company in \$20 million breach of contract dispute brought by regional electric power company.^o
- Represented national healthcare company in breach of contract dispute with regional hospital system.
- Represent various companies in pursuing recovery for breaches of purchase agreement representations and warranties.

Data Security and Privacy Litigation

- Represent restaurant franchise in data security class actions affecting the compromise of payment card information.

Financial Services Litigation

- Represent national bank in litigation arising out of Paycheck Protection Program (“PPP”).

- Defended trustee bank in residential mortgage-backed securities (“RMBS”) litigation brought by institutional investors.°

Professional Liability Defense

- Defended international law firm against legal malpractice claims brought by former clients in the rendering of tax advice.°
- Defended international law firm against legal malpractice claims brought by former clients as a result of IP litigation.°

Trade Secrets Litigation

- Represent software company in claim of trade secret misappropriation and copyright infringement.

Products Liability Defense

- Represented automotive parts manufacturer in product liability actions.°
- Represent dry ice manufacturer in lawsuit involving claims of defective product.

Internal Investigations

- Conducted internal investigation for corporate client amid federal False Claims Act (FCA) allegations.°
- Participated in internal investigation for national pharmacy chain.°

Consumer Litigation

- Represent trust company against putative class actions alleging fraud.
- Defended financial institutions and retailers in commercial litigation brought under the West Virginia Consumer Credit and Protection Act.°
- Represented national mortgage lenders and servicers against borrowers in foreclosure avoidance disputes.

Franchisor-Franchisee Litigation

- Represented automotive manufacture in \$18 million action brought by former franchisee alleging improper franchise termination.°

Governmental Programs Litigation

- Defended the State of West Virginia against challenges to the validity of its Medicaid managed care contracts and preferred drug list.°
- Represented the State of West Virginia against allegations of civil rights violations asserted by the U.S. Department of Justice.°
- Defended the State of West Virginia in decades-long institutional reform litigation brought against state psychiatric facilities.°
- Counseled West Virginia professional licensing boards in disciplinary matters against licensed professionals.°

Pro Bono/Appointed Cases

- Appointed to defend indigent individuals alleged to have committed federal crimes, both in federal district court and the court of appeals.^o
- Represent disabled veterans before the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims.
- Represented indigent litigant in appeal to the Supreme Court of Texas.

^o*The above representations were handled by Mr. Dodrill prior to his joining Greenberg Traurig, LLP.*

Government Experience

- Deputy Attorney General, West Virginia, 2013-2016
- City Councilman, Charleston, West Virginia, 2011-2015

Military Experience

- Surface Warfare Officer, U.S. Navy, 2001-2005

Recognition & Leadership

Awards & Accolades

- Listed, *The Best Lawyers in America*, "Ones to Watch," Commercial Litigation, 2022
- Listed, *Super Lawyers* magazine, *Ohio Super Lawyers*, "Rising Star," 2019

Professional & Community Involvement

- Member, International Association of Defense Counsel (IADC)

Credentials

Education

- J.D., *magna cum laude*, Duke University School of Law, 2008
 - Articles Editor, *Law & Contemporary Problems*
 - Smith-Mordecai Scholar
 - Order of the Coif
- B.S., with merit, U.S. Naval Academy, 2001

Clerkships

- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of West Virginia
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

Admissions

- Texas

- Ohio
- West Virginia
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas
- U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of West Virginia
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of West Virginia
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
- Supreme Court of the United States

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