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PRACTICE AREAS

Asbestos Litigation
Business Litigation + Counseling
Construction
Design Professionals
Employment Litigation
Environmental Litigation
General Liability
Products Liability
Toxic Tort Liability

EDUCATION

Fordham University School of Law, JD, 1989
Fordham University, BA, History, *summa cum laude*, 1985

BAR ADMISSIONS

New York
New Jersey
US Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
US Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
US District Court, District of New Jersey
US District Court, Eastern District of New York
US District Court, Northern District of New York
US District Court, Southern District of New York
US District Court, Western District of New York

Overview

Christian Gannon is an accomplished litigator with more than three decades of experience and an extensive record of trial success on behalf of his clients. He represents major governmental agencies, contractors and consultants in design and construction matters and related contract and litigation disputes. He also practices in the areas of toxic tort, general liability and commercial litigation.

Prior to joining MG+M, Christian was a shareholder at a national Chicago-based law firm, where he served as co-chairman of the firm, a member of the Executive Committee and managing shareholder of the New York office.

Experience

Representative Matters

+ Secured a unanimous defense verdict in a New York Labor Law construction trial for an owner and construction manager, with the jury finding that the clients did not create or cause the alleged unsafe condition that led to the plaintiff's injuries.
+ Secured an appellate victory in the New York Supreme Court, Appellate Division, First Department, for a general contractor in a New York Labor Law case, with the court affirming that the plaintiff's injuries were due to pre-existing avascular necrosis, successfully reducing a $17 million claim.
+ Secured a unanimous defense verdict from a New York City area jury for a multinational e-commerce company in a New York Labor Law construction case in which the plaintiff sought $6 million in damages.
+ Achieved a reduced damages award for a client in a damages only New York Labor Law construction case in the New York State Supreme Court.
+ As lead counsel, prevailed on appeal to vacate a $2.5 million judgment entered against the client in an asbestos personal injury action.
+ Obtained a unanimous jury verdict for the defense in a multimillion-dollar New Jersey toxic exposure case.
+ Obtained a directed verdict on behalf of a defendant railroad company at trial in a lawsuit wherein the plaintiff alleged damages from injuries he suffered when he was struck by a train. The directed verdict came after successfully moving to bar the plaintiff's expert,

who was prepared to testify about railroad operations and braking mechanics of trains, on the basis that the expert's opinion was a “net opinion.”

+ Won a jury verdict for the defense in a New Jersey wrongful death case alleging disease caused to a 30-year cigarette smoker by workplace exposure to asbestos and diesel exhaust fumes.
+ Obtained summary judgment for a construction products manufacturer in a federal case alleging claims under theories of subrogation, breach of contract and tortious damage to property for economic damages allegedly caused by defective materials.
+ Argued and co-authored a brief to New York's highest state court regarding the nonexistence of duty for a premises owner to a member of an employee's household for secondary exposure to a toxic substance.
+ Obtained summary judgment for a governmental entity on a workers compensation lien valued at several hundred thousand dollars.
+ Established a “Vertical Trial Program” through the Offices of Administrative Judge for the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Bronx and Kings County, for the resolution of lead paint lawsuits on behalf of a consortium of insurance carriers.
+ Negotiated a favorable settlement after jury selection in a multimillion-dollar federal court action where plaintiffs alleged claims for property damage and personal injury, including Kawasaki Syndrome, originating from a petroleum spill. As part of the settlement, all claims for personal injuries were withdrawn and the defendants agreed to minimum cleanup costs pursuant to New York State Navigation Law.

Jury/Trial Verdicts

+ *Moises-Ortiz v. FDB Acquisitions*, labor law; defense verdict, 2026
+ *Immes Rivera v. Monster Concrete*, labor law; settled during trial, 2025
+ *Sambucini v. Amazon*, labor law; defense verdict, 2024
+ *Last & Joyce v. Port Authority*, wrongful death from asbestos exposure; settled after plaintiff rested, 2024
+ *Phillips v. Port Authority*, wrongful death from asbestos exposure; settled after plaintiff rested, 2024
+ *Bedell v. Port Authority*, labor law; plaintiff's jury verdict, $10 million, 2023
+ *Fish v. Port Authority*, catastrophic injuries from airline hangar collapse; plaintiff's verdict, $14 million, 2023
+ *Lind v. Tishman*, labor law jury verdict, damages only; plaintiff requested $17 million; $690,000 jury verdict, 2022
+ *Estate of Ira Epstein v. Port Authority*, wrongful death from asbestos exposure; defense verdict, 2020
+ *Albericci v. Port Authority*, labor law all issues; plaintiff requested $25.7 million; $8.6 million verdict, 2019
+ *Greenblatt v. Baumgardner*, labor law damages only; settled after summations, 2019
+ *Doupis v. MTA*, labor law damages only; settled after plaintiff rested, 2019
+ *McKee v. T. Moriarity*, labor law all issues; settled after plaintiff's

liability verdict, 2018

+ *Barber v. Utica Boilers*, wrongful death from asbestos exposure; defense verdict-mistrial, 2018
+ *Bermingham v. Bovis Lend Lease Construction*, labor law all issues; $1.825 million verdict; reduced to $900,000 on appeal, 2014
+ *Lopez v. The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey*, labor law all issues; settled during jury deliberations, 2014
+ *Verdon v. The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey*, labor law damages only; plaintiff requested $18 million; $2.3 million verdict, 2014
+ *Estates of Harry Brown (1.) and Patrick McCloskey (2.) v. The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey*, two consolidated cases alleging wrongful death from asbestos exposure; defense verdict in both cases, 2014
+ *Sean Segota v. Tishman Construction*, labor law damages only; plaintiff requested $6.8 million; $310,000 verdict, 2014
+ *Karen Talley v. Port Authority Trans-Hudson Corporation*, patron dragged by train; defense directed verdict, 2013
+ *Stephan Petty v. Port Authority Trans-Hudson Corporation*, multiple myeloma from benzene exposure; defense verdict, 2013
+ *Nick Musse v. Port Authority Trans-Hudson Corporation*, patron struck by train; defense directed verdict, 2011
+ *Anna Olson, as Administratrix of The Estate of Alan Olson v. Port Authority Trans-Hudson Corporation*, wrongful death from asbestos exposure; defense verdict, 2010

Published Decisions

+ *Fritz v. Sports Auth*., 91 A.D.3d 712 (2012)(Labor Law)
+ *Garguilo v. Port Authority of New York and New Jersey*, 137 A.D.3d 708 (2016)(Labor Law)
+ *Giordano v. Tishman Constr. Corp*., 152 A.D.3d 470 (2017)(Labor Law)
+ *Havison v. Port Authority*, 233 A.D.3d 418 (1st Dept 2024) (Labor Law)
+ *Korean Airlines Co. v. Port Authority of New York and New Jersey*, 2012 US Dist. LEXIS 1855532 (EDNY 2012)(Aviation)
+ *Korean Airlines Co. v. Port Authority of New York and New Jersey*, 2013 US Dist. LEXIS 13787 (EDNY 2013)(Aviation)
+ *Korean Airlines Co. v. Port Authority of New York and New Jersey*, 118 F. Supp. 3d 471 (EDNY 2015)(Aviation)
+ *Lind v. Tishman Constr. Corp. of NY*, 233 A.D.3d (1st Dept 2024)(Labor Law)
+ *Maragliano v. Port Authority of New York and New Jersey*, 119 A.D.3d 534 (2014)(Labor Law)
+ *Matter of New York City Asbestos Litig*. (Andrucki), 106 A.D. 3d 617 (2013)(wrongful death)
+ *Matter of New York City Asbestos Litig.* (Andrucki), 124 A.D. 3d 454 (2015)(wrongful death)
+ *Matter of New York City Asbestos Litig*. (Andrucki), 24 N.Y. 3d 275 (2014)(wrongful death)
+ *Moises-Ortiz v. FDB Acquisition LLC*, 2025 Slip Op. 05746, (1st Dept

2025)(Labor Law)
+ *Musse v. Port Auth.*, 2012 WL 1431233 (N.J. App.Div. 2012) (Pedestrian struck by train)
+ *Toussaint v. Port Authority of New York and New Jersey*, 38 N.Y.3d 92 (2022)(Labor Law)
+ Secured a unanimous defense verdict in a New York Labor Law construction trial for an owner and construction manager, with the jury finding that the clients did not create or cause the alleged unsafe condition that led to the plaintiff's injuries.

Recognition

+ New York Metro Super Lawyers Honoree, 2024
+ Recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America*®, 2010–2011, 2013–present

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Involvement

+ Faculty Member, MG+M Trial Academy
+ Fellow, Construction Lawyers Society of America
+ Member, National Association of Railroad Trial Counsel
+ Defense Research Institute Commercial Litigation Committee, Drug and Medical Device Committee, Toxic Torts and Environmental Law Committee, and Trucking Law Committee
+ New York State Bar Association Civil Practice Law and Rules Committee

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