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PRACTICE AREAS

Asbestos Litigation
Construction
General Liability
Premises Liability
Products Liability
Talc Litigation
Toxic Tort Liability
Transportation

EDUCATION

Seton Hall University School of Law, JD, 1996
State University of New York at Binghamton, BA, 1993

BAR ADMISSIONS

New Jersey
New York
Pennsylvania
Connecticut
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, Southern District of New York
US District Court, Eastern District of New York
US District Court, Northern District of New York
US District Court, Western District of New York
US District Court, District of Connecticut
US District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania
US District Court, Middle District of Pennsylvania

Overview

Christopher Kozak has earned a reputation among his clients and colleagues for being thorough, well prepared and driven for amicable case resolution, as well as, when needed, aggressively defending his clients at trial. With more than 25 years of experience handling a broad range of civil litigation cases in federal and state courts in New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and Connecticut, Chris has tried cases to verdict in some of the most difficult jurisdictions in the country. Chris also is well known for his efficiency and desire to quickly move matters forward. Clients appreciate his practical case evaluations and innovative theories to better posture their cases for the best possible results.

Chris defends companies and individuals facing an array of personal injury and liability claims, including toxic torts involving asbestos, talc, mold and lead exposure; products and premises liability; property casualty claims; and construction accident and defect cases. His experience also includes professional liability defense, such as pharmacy malpractice. In addition, he has handled actions under the Federal Employers' Liability Act (FELA) related to railroad worker injury claims and defends claims of cumulative trauma, repetitive stress injuries and occupational hearing loss.

Chris is an accredited lecturer on strategies to assist insurance companies and self-insured clients with collecting information to better prepare claims for early resolution or preserving information for use in litigation and at trial.

Experience

+ Tried several cases to verdict in New York, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, and Delaware.
+ Negotiated favorable settlements with catastrophically injured litigants, involving multiple contractors, and complex fact patterns.
+ Stepped in as counsel in high-stakes subrogation actions, deflecting the focus away from our clients, and resolved actions for reasonable figures by spreading the allocations of responsibility.
+ Received numerous summary judgment decisions by marshalling the facts during his case investigation and work-up.

Recognition

+ Recognized in *Best Lawyers in America*, Mass Tort Litigation/Class Actions—Defendants, 2027

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