



## Christopher S. Kozak

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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

### 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 and Pennsylvania.
- + 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.

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