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Bar Admissions

- Arkansas
- Texas

As a trial lawyer for almost 20 years, Chris has extensive experience defending companies in high risk litigation in Texas and throughout the United States, including business litigation, product liability, toxic exposure cases and employer liability claims. His clients range from several large Fortune 500 companies to individuals and small business owners. He has also served as a resource on tort reform issues for Senate and House Committees in the Texas Legislature.

Chris serves as national trial counsel and national coordinating counsel to several corporations in environmental and toxic tort litigation. He develops and implements national litigation strategies and manages trial settings, expert witnesses, trial preparation, and local counsel across the country. He also has extensive experience in the innovative use of alternative billing arrangements and budgeting in complex litigation.

Chris has represented some of the same clients for nearly two decades. Clients value that he is not only a fearless advocate in litigation, but a steady and trusted counselor. Chris knows that success in litigation starts with understanding a client's business, goals, and financial parameters.

At Hawkins Parnell & Young, Chris is on the executive committee and partner-in-charge of the Austin office. Prior to opening HPY's Austin office in 2010, he was based in Houston for 10 years with Brown McCarroll (now Husch Blackwell). Chris received his JD from South Texas College of Law in Houston in 2000 and his BBA in Finance and Accounting from the McCombs School of Business at the University of Texas at Austin in 1997.

SERVICES

- Commercial
- Product Liability
- Toxic Tort & Environmental
- Construction

EDUCATION

- South Texas College of Law (J.D., 2000)
- University of Texas at Austin (B.B.A., 1997)

COURTS

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- DRI
- Austin Bar Association
 - Labor & Employment Section
 - Litigation Section
- Austin Young Lawyers Association
- Texas Association of Defense Counsel
- State Bar of Texas
- Arkansas Bar Association

HONORS

- AV Preeminent® Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell®
- Super Lawyer, *Super Lawyers Magazine* (2017-2019)

TRIALS

- Daniel Skinner v. Basco Drywall and Painting, et al., Superior Court of California, County of Alameda
- Katherine Lopez v. BASF Catalyst, et al., Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
- Merlin Olsen v. Asbestos Companies, et al., Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles

- William Mansir v. Air & Liquid Systems Corp, et al., Superior Court of California, County of San Diego
- Gilbert G. Llanes, Deceased v. Aluminum Company of America, et al., 57th Judicial District Court of Bexar County, Texas
- Mike Scanlon, et al. v. A.W. Chesterton, et al., Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
- Lynne Haver v. Kelly-Moore Paint Company, et al., Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
- John G. Thalman v. Kelly-Moore Paint Company, et al., 405th Judicial District of Galveston County, Texas
- Cyril Fritz v. Bondex, et al., 239th District Court of Brazoria County, Texas

CHARITABLE & CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

- Children at Risk, Law Advisory Board Member
- Westlake Youth Soccer Association, Soccer Coach
- Leadership Austin

PRESENTATIONS

- “Swimming with the Sharks: Deposition Techniques on Topics of Smoking, OSHA, and State of the Art,” DRI Asbestos Medicine Seminar, Boston, Massachusetts (November 2019)
- “Let’s Talk Talc,” Austin Legal Professionals Association, Austin, Texas (September 2019)
- “Federal MDL 875 - The Black Hole?” Dallas, Texas
- “Ethical Issues in Representing Multiple Parties,” Trial Tactics Seminar, Santa Fe, New Mexico