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### Overview

Christopher K. Smith is a trial attorney that focuses his practice on complex litigation and resolving potential litigation issues that arise in transactional matters. Chris has represented multinational companies, financial institutions and their employees, and individuals in federal and state court throughout Florida and New York, and in investigations, examinations, and litigation before a host of governmental agencies. His previous experience includes multimillion lease agreement and contract litigation, adversary proceedings in bankruptcy and probate court, consumer-based class action defense, and various other commercial litigation.

Additionally, Chris is active in pro bono work, previously representing a Florida inmate at trial in a 1983 Civil Rights action in the U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida and also serving on the Court Appointed Special Advocates-New York City (CASA-NYC) Executive Committee of the Junior Board of Directors from 2012-2014. Prior to entering private practice, Chris worked at the New York City Justice Center, Legal Clinic for the Homeless.

Chris received a joint law degree and M.B.A. with a concentration in finance from Emory University. He attended Duke University receiving a Bachelor of Arts Degree.

### Principal Practice Areas:

- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Class Action Litigation
- Complex Commercial Litigation
- Consumer Litigation Defense
- Employment Litigation

- Government Investigations and Regulatory Agency Defense
- Health Care Litigation
- Real Estate Litigation

## **Education:**

- Emory University, Juris Doctor and Master of Business Administration
- Duke University, Bachelor of Arts

## **Admissions:**

- New York;
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York;
- Florida;
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida;
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida; and
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit.

## **Honors / Accreditations:**

- Emory Law School Moot Court Society
- Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Team
- Winner, Emory Law School Fall 2006 Intra-School Moot Court Competition

## **Professional Affiliations:**

- Dade County Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- Florida Bar Association

## **Selected Representations:**

- Resolved multiple multimillion lease agreement disputes for international companies.
- Successfully represented financial institutions and associations in various appellate cases.
- Participated in various post-judgment enforcement actions for millions of dollars on behalf of large financial institutions.
- Represented multinational company in putative Florida-wide class action involving allegations of false and misleading labeling.

- Favorably resolved various securities litigation matters on behalf of financial services companies.