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Overview

For over fifteen years, Christopher K. Smith, partner at LashGoldberg, has represented large healthcare providers, Fortune 500 companies, boutique businesses, and individuals in arbitration, litigation, investigations, and administrative hearings throughout Florida and in the United States, including Alabama, California, Michigan, New York, North Carolina, and Tennessee.

Focusing on complex health care, business and employment litigation, Chris's most recent experiences include successfully litigating dozens of multimillion dollar managed care disputes on behalf of healthcare providers, and successfully challenging a public hospital district's improper use of taxpayer funds.

Additionally, Chris was recognized as a Top Up & Comer in the 2022 *South Florida Legal Guide.* He 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. Chris is currently volunteering with the American Health Law Association as a Vice Chair of the Labor and Employment Practice Group and continues to participate in various volunteer organizations and pro bono activities in Miami, Florida. Chris was recognized as a "Best Lawyer" in the 2026 Edition of the *Best Lawyers in America.*

Chris received a joint J.D. and M.B.A. degree with a concentration in finance from Emory University. He attended Duke University receiving a B.A. degree in philosophy and psychology.

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:

- Vice Chair, Labor and Employment Practice Group, AHLA (2024-2026)
- Named as a Top Up & Comer, 2022 *South Florida Legal Guide*
- AAA Panelist, *What You Need to Know for Drafting Healthcare ADR Provisions*, August 17, 2022 (available: https://www.americanbar.org/groups/health_law/events_cle/webinars/what-to-know-for-drafting-healthcare-adr-provisions/)
- AHLA Moderator, Update for Managed Care Arbitration, November 1, 2022

- 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
- Recognized by ALM/The Daily Business Reviews for ESG/Impact Award
- Halloween Bash Committee, Miami Children's Museum (2022-2023)
- Committee Member, Emory Miami Legal Network (2022-2024)

Professional Affiliations:

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

Selected Representations:

- Successfully litigated to resolution dozens of multimillion dollar managed care disputes involving commercial, Medicare, and Medicaid disputed claims using sampling and extrapolation.
- Represented former mayor of Ponce Inlet, Florida, in the Florida Supreme Court in a successful challenge to a public hospital district's improper use of taxpayer funds to build a hospital outside of its territorial boundaries (*Halifax Hosp. Med. Ctr. v. State*, 278 So. 3d 545 (Fla. 2019)).
- Enforced plaintiff hospital corporation's contractual rights against insurer in connection with underpayment of bariatric sleeve surgeries in North Carolina State Business Court.
- Negotiated to resolution various multimillion dollar contractual and lease agreement disputes on behalf of international companies.
- Favorably resolved various securities litigation matters on behalf of financial services companies.
- Represented large financial institutions in various appellate cases in Florida and New York.
- Represented individuals in connection with U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) matters.
- Represented large financial institutions in successfully recovering assets related to post-judgment enforcement actions for millions of dollars.
- Represented multinational business in putative Florida-wide class action involving allegations of false and misleading labeling.