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Practice & Industry Areas

- Business Litigation
- eDiscovery

Education

- University of Texas at Austin School of Law, J.D., with honors
- University of Colorado at Boulder, B.A., *cum laude*

Bar & Court Admissions

- Florida, 2021
- Illinois
- Texas

Overview

Christine is a nationally recognized litigator focused on eDiscovery and overarching litigation strategy. She brings practical skill to high-dollar, bet-the-company cases, handling all aspects of discovery for complex commercial litigation, restructuring-related litigation, products liability litigation, antitrust matters, Section 220 requests and ongoing or anticipated investigations.

Christine knows from first-hand experience how major litigation can unfold over time and across jurisdictions and the many strategic choices her clients will face. Dedicated to delivering outstanding case management for national matters involving cross-firm teams, Christine aims to establish consensus and develop repeatable tactical systems. She often serves as discovery counsel in national matters alongside V10 firms — offering both enhanced experience in discovery strategy and flexible rate structures.

With clients ranging from Fortune 100 technology companies and accounting firms to healthcare laboratories and manufacturing businesses, Christine advises on litigation readiness, developing eDiscovery protocols, budget-focused data analytics, and recovering

from data loss. A pragmatist by nature, Christine seeks to conserve time and resources, streamline the right information/data, and align the multiplicity of moving parts and divergent points of view often involved in protracted litigation.

Notably, Christine is a frequent lecturer and author on e-discovery strategy and advocacy.

Honors

- *Chambers & Partners,* "Leaders in their Field"
  - E-Discovery and Information Governance (Nationwide), 2022-23
  - E-Discovery and Information Governance (Global), 2022-23
- *GIR/Who's Who Legal* (WWL), Thought Leader in eDiscovery, 2023
- *Legal 500,* eDiscovery, 2019
- *Financial Times* Innovative Lawyers Awards, Strategy in eDiscovery, 2017
- Lawyers' Committee for Better Housing Volunteer of the Year Award
- *Profiles in Diversity Journal* "Women Worth Watching," 2019

Publications & Presentations

- Author, "Simple Ways to Make Search-Term Negotiation More Bearable," *The Advocate,* Volume 96, Fall 2021
- Author, "The Ballad of The Sad Non-Party: Practical Guidance for True Non-Parties Handling Documents Subpoenas," *Redgrave LLP*, May 29, 2020
- Author, "A Proposed Technology-Assisted Review Framework," *Law360*, April 27, 2020
- Adjunct Professor, Loyola University Chicago, "Electronic Discovery Law and Problem Solving"
- Lecturer, University of Texas School of Law, "Legal Research and Writing: Brief Writing and Oral Advocacy"
- Author, "Three Strategic Choices in e-Discovery," *New York Law Journal,* February 2, 2018
- Speaker, "Investigate This! e-Discovery Is Not Just for Litigation Anymore," Masters Conference
- Speaker, "Reinventing e-Discovery for the A.I. World," Association of Certified eDiscovery Specialists
- Speaker, "Confidentiality & Privilege Protections in the Digital Age," Council of Counsels, Office of the Governor
- Speaker, "Obtaining and Using Evidence from eDiscovery, Social Media, The Internet of Things and The Dark Web; Subpoenas, Privilege, Brady, Encryption, Preservation," White Collar Crime National Institute
- Speaker, "Tying eDiscovery Strategy to Trial Strategy," Masters Conference

- Speaker, "Sanctions Under Amended Rule 37," Seventh Circuit Pilot Program on Electronic Discovery
- Speaker, FRCP Amendments: Practical Implications and Discussion," Masters Conference

Professional Associations & Memberships

- The Chicago Inn of Court