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Since completing his clerkship to the Honorable William L. Harper, United States Magistrate Judge for the Northern District of Georgia, Chris has been in private practice in Athens, Georgia.

Chris's practice focuses solely on complex civil litigation. While deeply involved in asbestos litigation for over a decade, he has successfully handled matters as diverse as representing plaintiffs in medical malpractice suits and in civil rights suits against local police departments, defending employers against discrimination-based suits, challenging and defending the validity of complex employment agreements, and representing both plaintiffs and defendants in premises liability-based injury and wrongful death suits.

In addition to civil trial experience, Chris has served as a surrogate judge, preparing commercial clients and their counsel for appellate argument and related procedures. He has served as counsel to commercial entities in planning business expansion strategies in anticipation of litigation and related follow through once litigation has ensued. Chris has also consulted with commercial entities in a supervisory role assisting the client's outside counsel in litigation strategy and case development implementation.

With specific regard to asbestos litigation, Chris has represented former manufacturers and sellers of asbestos-containing products, construction and engineering firms who formerly used asbestos-containing building materials, and businesses within whose buildings such products were formerly installed. He has appeared on behalf of his

clients in courts throughout the country and has developed a nationwide reputation for his development and successful use of innovative legal defenses to asbestos-related injury and death claims.

Outside of the office, Chris is actively involved in the Athens community. He, his wife, and his son attend First Baptist Church of Athens where Chris is a deacon and where he and his wife teach a Sunday School class. He has also been involved for several years as a volunteer attorney-coach of the Athens Academy high school mock trial team.

Education

- Juris Doctor, Emory University School of Law
- Bachelor of Arts, University of Georgia

Admissions

- State Bar of Georgia
- Georgia Court of Appeals

Related Practices

- Appellate
- Asbestos
- Products Liability
- Toxic Tort