

CHRISTOPHER J. McNAMARA

Partner



Christopher J. McNamara is a litigator with a practice focusing primarily on complex commercial disputes. Chris takes pride in and devotes himself to understanding his clients' goals, and is adept at crafting and executing the appropriate strategy in any given situation to advance those goals.

Chris has represented financial institutions, global healthcare companies, Fortune 500 companies, and individuals in a wide array of disputes, including breach of contract, fraud, securities litigation, intellectual property, and employment litigation.

He also has significant experience defending clients in white collar criminal and regulatory proceedings across various subject matters, including securities fraud. Relatedly, Chris has spearheaded numerous internal investigations, and has been called upon to advise and train private equity and hedge funds with respect to their in-house compliance and crime prevention activities.

Prior to joining Barton, Chris was a litigator at Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan, LLP and Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP. Chris was selected as a "Rising Star" by *Super Lawyers* in 2018 and 2019. He also received The Legal Aid Society's "Outstanding Pro Bono Service Award" in 2015 and 2016.

Chris is an active member of the New York State Bar Association (NYSBA). In particular, Chris was appointed by the President of NYSBA to serve on the task force on mass shootings and assault weapons. In connection with his work on the task force, Chris chairs the subcommittee devoted to analyzing the relationship between mass shootings and mental health.

Chris is a graduate of Fordham Law School, where he served as an associate editor of the *Fordham Law Review*.

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Education

Fordham University School of Law, J.D.; *Fordham Law Review*, Associate Editor

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Admissions

State of New York

United States District Court for the Southern District of New York

United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York

Memberships

New York State Bar Association: Task Force on Mass Shootings and Assault Weapons; Chair of Subcommittee on Mental Health Issues

New York County Lawyers Association: Delegate from NYCLA to the NYSBA House of Delegates, the governing body for NYSBA

Practices

Arbitration

Commercial Litigation

Intellectual Property Litigation

Internal Investigations

Labor and Employment Disputes

White Collar Defense

Industry Experience

Entertainment

Finance

Healthcare

Investment Management

Investor Relations

Real Estate

Technology

Honors

Selected as "Rising Star" by *Super Lawyers* from 2018 to present

Recipient of The Legal Aid Society's "Outstanding Pro Bono Service Award" 2015, 2016