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Chris McNamara is an experienced attorney with a practice focusing primarily on trials, arbitrations, and pre-suit resolution of business disputes. Chris has litigated in federal and state courts across the country, and has represented clients in domestic and international arbitrations as well as mediation. A strategic advisor and counselor to various companies and individuals, Chris offers a steady, thoughtful, and commercially practical perspective when counseling clients on corporate policies, disputes, risk management, transactions, and other sundry, sensitive matters.

Chris has represented a diverse set of clients, including public companies, investment advisers, global healthcare companies, real estate investment and management firms, boards, nationwide logistics companies, technology companies, startups, and individuals in a broad array of matters, including securities litigation, employment disputes, shareholder disputes, partnership disputes, class actions, breach of contract, fraud, and intellectual property.

Chris has been selected as a “Rising Star” by *Super Lawyers* each year since 2018. He is also a prior recipient of The Legal Aid Society’s “Outstanding Pro Bono Service Award”, and chairs Barton’s *pro bono* program.

Chris is an active member of the New York State Bar Association (NYSBA). In 2018, Chris was appointed to serve on NYSBA’s Presidential Task Force on Mass Shootings and Assault Weapons. In connection with his work on the Task Force, Chris chaired the subcommittee devoted to analyzing the relationship between mass shootings and mental health. He currently serves on both the NYSBA Committee on Leadership Development and the NYSBA Committee on Membership.

Chris is a graduate of Fordham Law School, where he served as an associate editor of the *Fordham Law Review*. Prior to joining Barton, Chris practiced at Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan, LLP and Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP.

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Education

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

Fairfield University, B.A.

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: Leadership Development Committee

New York State Bar Association: Membership Committee

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

Securities Litigation, Regulatory Investigations, and Enforcement

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