



#### Location

San Francisco, CA

#### Education

University of California,  
Hastings College of Law  
(J.D., *magna cum laude*,  
1990) *Order of the Coif*  
Editor-in-Chief, Hastings  
Law Journal (1989-90)

University of  
Massachusetts, Amherst  
(B.A., 1985)

#### Areas of Practice:

Complex & High-Stakes  
Litigation

- Bankruptcy, Third  
Party & Professional  
Liability

#### Admitted to Practice:

California

U.S. District Court,  
Central District of  
California

U.S. District Court,  
Eastern District of

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Chris has successfully represented a wide variety of clients in major litigation, including both plaintiffs in business litigation and large corporate defendants. He has represented bankruptcy estates and unsecured creditors' committees, major corporations (American Honda, American Express, and Southland, the 7-11 franchisor), real estate developers, a financial institution, and a famous underwater photographer. Chris represents individuals and smaller businesses against large corporations.

#### Representative Cases

- In re Heller Ehrman, LLP – recovered over \$40 million to date representing the estate of Heller Ehrman against dozens of defendants, including a recovery of more than \$20 million in a preference action against Bank of America; a settlement for \$4.9 million in a legal malpractice action; \$7.5 million from a major law firm and a former client of Heller Ehrman; and more than \$4.5 million from a number of law firms in Jewel v. Boxer actions.
- In re Tri Valley Growers – recovered over \$34.5 million from bringing a large number of cases representing the estate of a large agricultural corporation including a suit against its grower-members; an action against directors and officers insurers that settled for \$17.5 million; and a professional malpractice case against a national accounting firm.
- Borman v. American Honda – defended American Honda in a national, federal class action filed against it by hundreds of its dealers and in related state court lawsuits.

#### Clerkships

Law Clerk to the Honorable Melvin T. Brunetti, Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals  
1991-1992

California

U.S. District Court,  
Northern District of  
California

U.S. District Court,  
Southern District of  
California

U.S. District Court,  
Western District of  
California

### **Teaching Positions**

- Teaching Fellow, Stanford Law School: Taught Legal Writing and Research as well as an undergraduate class at Stanford, Law and Literature in Society, 1990-1991

### **News and Press Release**

- Named one of the Top 100 California Lawyers by the Daily Journal, 2012 and 2013
- Northern California Super Lawyer AV Rated, Martindale Hubbell since 2000

### **Publications & Speaking Engagements**

- The California Bankruptcy Forum's 2014 Insolvency Conference
- Panelist, Getting Employed and Getting Paid in Bankruptcy Cases, BASF, September 10, 2013
- Speaker, Dealing with Defendants in Bankruptcy, 2013 Class Action Litigation & Management Conference, August 2013
- Bridgeport Moderator, An Inside View of the Ninth Circuit, June 15, 2013

### **Committee Representations**

- Executive Committee Member and Past President, Federal Bar Association, Northern District of California
- Officer and Executive Committee Member, Bankruptcy Section of the National Federal Bar Association

### **Memberships**

- Mediator, Northern District of California, ADR Panel
- Mediator, Bankruptcy Dispute Resolution Panel, N.D. Cal.