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Chris is a highly regarded trial lawyer who has successfully represented numerous companies, as well as governors, members of Congress, senior White House officials, and U.S. presidential candidates. His practice focuses on civil and criminal litigation, appeals, internal investigations, investigations by Congress and the Executive Branch, and compliance with anti-corruption laws.

Chris has significant experience defending clients accused of violating the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, money laundering laws, trade sanctions, securities laws, the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act and federal election laws. Chris also advises companies on compliance with anti-bribery laws, federal ethics laws, and trade sanctions.

Chris is a frequent author and has written numerous articles for legal publications, including *The National Law Journal*, *New York Law Journal*, *Legal Times*, *Law.com*, *Business Crimes Bulletin*, and several prominent law reviews.

Key Matters

- Brought a precedent-setting case against the U.S. military pro bono on behalf of current and former members of the military and their same-sex spouses to invalidate the Defense of Marriage Act and similar restrictions in the military titles of the U.S. Code that unconstitutionally prevented the military from paying spousal benefits to legally married spouses of the same sex. The president, attorney general and military advised the court they agreed these laws were unconstitutional, and a judgment declaring those laws unconstitutional was entered.
- Filed *amici curiae* briefs on behalf of approximately twenty former federal judges with the U.S. Supreme Courts addressing legal issues with criminal justice.
- Represented Senator Robert Menendez at his criminal public corruption trial. The jury trial ended in a mistrial, when the jurors could not agree on a verdict, and the trial court granted our post-trial motions for acquittal on several charges.
- Served as alternating first chair at trial in the successful defense of former New York Governor George Pataki in defense of claims that he violated the civil rights of plaintiffs who were hospitalized under the Sexually Violent Predators Initiative. The jury found Governor Pataki not liable.
- Represented former Senator and presidential candidate John Edwards at trial for violating federal election laws. The jury acquitted Senator Edwards on all charges.
- Represented Matthew Grimes in securing his acquittal on federal charges of failing to register as a foreign agent.
- Served as ethics counsel to Assistant to the President and Senior Advisor to the President Jared Kushner and Advisor to the President Ivanka Trump, assisting them with making required financial disclosures and complying with federal ethics laws.
- Representing numerous entities and individuals in litigation, administrative proceedings, and investigations concerning alleged violations of U.S. sanctions on Iran and Russia.
- Represented several Iranian expatriates in an investigation by the Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Asset Control (OFAC) into allegations they had funded a foreign terrorist organization, which resulted in no action being taken by OFAC beyond issuing a cautionary letter to the clients.
- Representing Cobra Acquisitions in litigation against the Federal Emergency Management Agency for US\$380M that is owed for its work in restoring power to Puerto Rico following Hurricane Maria.
- Advising the Government of the Virgin Islands on potential litigation concerning government contracts.
- Assisted numerous individuals and companies in successfully resolving debarment and suspension investigations initiated by the federal government.
- Represented Puerto Rican Senator Hector Martinez at a criminal trial that resulted in a conviction of only one of the four charges, and successfully overturned the remaining count of conviction on appeal to the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit.
- Represented a transgender inmate pro bono on appeal to the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit in a case that established an important precedent requiring prisons to respect the medical needs of transgender inmates.
- Represented No Labels in obtaining summary judgment against defamation claims brought against it by former Congressman Alan Grayson, and successfully defended against Grayson's appeals to the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit and United States Supreme Court.
- Represented Ruel Hamilton on appeal to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, which overturned his conviction and established an important precedent limiting the reach of the federal program bribery statute (Section 666).
- Represented Paul Minor on appeal to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit in a case that overturned his conviction for federal programs bribery (Section 666) and set another important precedent limiting the reach of the statute.

- Represented Ousama Naaman, a Lebanese-Canadian citizen under investigation by the U.S. Department of Justice, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, and the U.K.'s Serious Fraud Office, on allegations that he violated the United Nation's Oil-for-Food Program and the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act by paying bribes to the Iraqi government and its officials. A favorable plea agreement was negotiated in exchange for his cooperation, and Mr. Naaman was transferred to Canada to serve his sentence in record time where he was quickly paroled.
- Represented Wal-Mart in civil and criminal proceedings concerning allegations it used contractors who employed undocumented workers as floor cleaners in 22 states.
- Represented ConocoPhillips in civil and criminal proceedings concerning allegations of a conspiracy between corporate officers and Australian government officials to bribe East Timorese government officials in exchange for rights to develop US\$50B worth of oil and gas in the Timor Sea.
- Represented Scott Sullivan, former Chief Financial Officer of WorldCom, in criminal proceedings.
- Assisted in preparing successful presidential pardon applications for Marc Rich and Pincus Green.
- Represented a major tobacco company in litigation brought by the European Community and various European and Latin American governments seeking billions of dollars in damages for alleged Racketeer Influenced Corrupt Organizations Act violations concerning smuggling and money laundering on behalf of Colombian drug lords.

Recent Experience

Prevailed in Fifth Circuit for Prominent Real Estate Developer, Vacating Bribery and Conspiracy Convictions

Secured High-Profile Acquittal at Trial for Matthew Grimes on Charges He Acted as an Unregistered Foreign Agent

Recognitions

- "D.C. Litigation Star," *Benchmark Litigation US*, 2023–2024
- "Key Lawyer," *The Legal 500 US*, Dispute Resolution: International Litigation, 2022–2023
- Second place, National Environmental Moot Court, 1995
- First place and high oralist, Washington University Environmental Moot Court, 1994

Credentials

EDUCATION

Chris received an LLM from George Washington University, a J.D. from Washington University - Saint Louis, and a B.A. from the University of Kansas. While in law school, Chris was the articles editor for *The Washington University Journal of Urban & Contemporary Law*.

ADMISSIONS

- District of Columbia
- Missouri

Related Insights & News

- “The Major Fraud Statute May Apply to Borrowers of Funds Under the CARES Act,” Winston & Strawn Client Briefing, Co-author, June 2020
- “Federal Program Bribery Law May Reach Paycheck Protection Program Loan Recipients,” Law360, Co-author, May 2020
- “Problems with Federal Courts Tolling Statutes of Limitations,” Law360, Co-author, May 2020
- “Problems with Tolling the Speedy Trial Act During Pandemic,” Law360, Co-author, May 2020
- “Applying The Presidential Pardon Power In The Context of An Executive Branch Investigation,” 33 *Criminal Justice* (ABA publication scheduled for Summer 2018)
- “Federalizing Corporate Internal Investigations and The Erosion of Employees’ Fifth Amendment Rights,” *Georgetown Law Journal* – 40 *Geo. L.J. Ann. Rev. Crim. Proc.*, Co-author, June 2011
- “Not Every Wrong is a Crime: The Legal and Practical Problems with the Federal ‘Honest-Services’ Statute,” 63 *Vand. L. Rev. En Banc* 11, 2010
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- “Is the DOJ’s New Policy of Prosecuting Corporations Real Reform or Business as Usual?” Law360, Jan. 31, 2007
- “The Supreme Court’s Decision in United States v. Booker Opens the Door to Fairer Sentences in White Collar Cases,” Securities Litigation and Enforcement NewsWire, April 2005
- “Revenue Rule to Get Spotlight,” *National Law Journal*, July 19, 2004
- “High Court is Set to Consider ‘Revenue Rule’ in Criminal Context,” *New York Law Journal*, July 19, 2004
- “The USA Patriot Act of 2001 Poses a New Threat to Grand Jury Secrecy,” 9 *Business Crimes Bulletin*, 2002
- “Coordinated Criminal Investigations Between the United States and Foreign Governments and Their Implications for Constitutional Rights,” 42 *Virginia Journal of International Law* 821, 2002
- “Extradition and Article III: A Historical Examination of the Judicial Power of the United States,” 10 *Tulane Journal of International and Comparative Law*, 2002
- “Preventing Disclosure of Grand Jury Materials to Foreign Governments Pursuant to MLATs,” 8 *Business Crimes Bulletin* 1, June 2001
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- “The Constitutional Rights of Non-Settling Potentially Responsible Parties in the Allocation of CERCLA Liability,” 27 *Environmental Law* 375, 1997
- “The Scope of Intellectual Property’s Protection of Stylistic Rights,” 47 *Journal of Urban and Contemporary Law* 250, 1995
- “Forecasting Sexual Abuse in Prison: The Prison Subculture of Masculinity as a Backdrop for Deliberate Indifference,” 92 *Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology* 1, 1992

RECOGNITIONS

Winston & Strawn Recognized in 2024 *Benchmark Litigation*

OCTOBER 6, 2023

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Winston Attorneys Named to 2022 Capital Pro Bono Honor Roll

SEPTEMBER 6, 2023

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Winston & Strawn Recognized in *The Legal 500 U.S.* 2023

JUNE 7, 2023

NEWS

2022 Pro Bono Impact Report

MAY 1, 2023

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Abbe Lowell Named as Litigator of the Week

NOVEMBER 11, 2022

CLIENT SUCCESS

Winston Wins Complete Acquittal of Matthew Grimes in High-Profile Trial of “Espionage Lite” Claims

NOVEMBER 4, 2022

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Winston Convinces Fifth Circuit to Vacate Bribery and Conspiracy Convictions of Ruel Hamilton on Appeal

AUGUST 23, 2022

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Winston Attorneys Named to 2021 Capital Pro Bono Honor Roll

JUNE 9, 2022

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Winston & Strawn Recognized in *The Legal 500 U.S.* 2022

JUNE 8, 2022

PRO BONO IN ACTION

Winston Aids Afghans Affected by the Taliban’s Takeover of Their Country

APRIL 21, 2022

PRESS RELEASE

Winston & Strawn Represents More Than 50 Equality Advocates in Amicus Brief Calling for Publication of Equal Rights Amendment

JANUARY 11, 2022

Capabilities

Government Investigations, Enforcement & Compliance

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International Trade

Financial Services

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