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#### **OVERVIEW**

# A healthcare litigator, Christina brings practical knowledge of healthcare finance and operations to her representation of clients.

Christina's career centered on healthcare even in her pre-law days: prior to attending law school, she served as a chief accountant and finance director at a healthcare startup, numerous physician practices, a home health organization, and a major for-profit hospital corporation. She saw firsthand the challenges and complexity of the healthcare industry and worked to align the details of patient care with proactive compliance, organizational growth, and cost efficiency.

Most of Christina's legal practice has also focused on healthcare, giving her a 360-degree view of the industry. While serving as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in Missouri for nearly a decade, she often handled medical malpractice matters, healthcare fraud, and qui tam actions. She later accepted an in-house counsel role on the medical campus of a large private university, guiding the medical school, health sciences college, and nursing school, as well as a physician practice of more than 500 providers.

At Husch Blackwell, Christina represents clients in a wide variety of healthcare litigation, including insurance questions, reimbursement disputes, regulatory matters, and Department of Justice investigations. With a solid background in the industry, she readily grasps the unique complexities of these cases, as well as the high stakes for healthcare providers and their practices. Christina knows how dedicated the firm's clients are to providing quality patient care, and she believes they deserve equally dedicated legal advocates.

## **Industries**

Education Healthcare Life Sciences

### Services

Academic Medicine
Commercial Litigation
False Claims Act
Healthcare Litigation
Litigation & Alternative Dispute
Resolution
White Collar, Internal
Investigations & Compliance

Christina also has a particular focus on white collar defense within the healthcare industry. She regularly represents clients who have been targeted by government investigations, often persuading the government not to pursue an indictment. Her experience includes qui tam allegations, allegations of tax and other financial fraud, potential violations related to opioids and other prescription drugs, and a variety of other healthcare-related violations. Thanks to her time as an Assistant U.S. Attorney, Christina has an inside perspective on the government's usual roadmap for investigations and indictments, and she has also earned the trust of agents and investigators, helping her achieve faster resolutions. Clients can be confident that Christina will secure the best results possible.

# Experience

#### **LITIGATION**

- Obtained defense verdicts for federal agency regarding healthcare matters.
- Successfully obtained jury verdict regarding individual physician pursuant to Controlled Substances Act regarding opioid case.
- Argued before Eighth Circuit of Appeals on behalf of federal workers, achieving zero defense verdicts.

#### **RISK MANAGEMENT AND COMPLIANCE**

- As in-house counsel for large private university, proactively counseled medical school, physician practice of 500+ providers, health sciences college and nursing school regarding various risk management, privacy, regulatory and transactional issues.
- As in-house counsel at large private university, reviewed myriad contracts, implementing
  contract management software system for most efficient, thorough and cost-effective review
  and approval record retention process.

#### **GOVERNMENT**

As Assistant U.S. Attorney, handled affirmative and defensive civil litigation involving medical
malpractice, torts, employment discrimination, constitutional claims and other various federal
statutes, including qui tam cases involving allegations of fraud, particularly healthcare fraud.

# Experience

#### **HEALTHCARE FINANCE**

• As finance director of major for-profit hospital, supervised billing, collections, accounts payable and payroll departments; decreased bad debt expense by 80% from previous year.

#### WHITE COLLAR DEFENSE

- Represented healthcare provider charged with healthcare and tax fraud. Achieved plea
  agreement requiring defendant to forfeit only a fraction of the original amount, with the tax
  count dropped. Also achieved immunity for defendant's spouse and family.
- Represented financial services companies under investigation for alleged roles in various schemes to promote and support conservation easements, successfully keeping clients in nontarget status.
- Represented pharmacy targeted for indictment based on scripts related to opioids and fentanyl. Client not charged.

# Recognition

- The Best Lawyers in America®, Commercial Litigation, Criminal Defense: White Collar, 2024
- Ronda F. Williams Community Awareness Award, BAMSL Law Day 2024
- Leadership St. Louis, 2021-2022 Class
- Pro Bono Volunteer of the Month, Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis, March 2021
- Missouri Bar Pro Bono Wall of Fame, 2020

## Education

- · J.D., Saint Louis University School of Law
  - o magna cum laude
  - o Order of the Woolsack
  - o Saint Louis University Law Journal, Executive Board, Managing Editor
- B.A., University of Missouri
  - o Mathematics

## Admissions

- Illinois
- Missouri
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Missouri
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Missouri

# **Community Leadership**

- National Charity League, Inc., Gateway Chapter
- Step It Up, Volunteer



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