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PRACTICE AREAS

Litigation & Dispute Resolution Estate, Probate & Trust Litigation Government & Administrative Cannabis Law

Cannabis Law
Appellate
Trademark and Name, Image,
Likeness
Intellectual Property
Litigation - Land Use,
Environmental & Property Rights
Class Actions

OVERVIEW

Christopher Clark is an Associate in the Litigation Department. He represents clients in trust and estates litigation, government and administrative litigation, and commercial litigation at the trial and appellate levels in both state and federal court. Christopher also provides advice and counsel to many corporate clients regarding litigation management, trademark compliance, and trademark enforcement. Recently, he has assisted in expanding the Firm's intellectual property practice with the addition of name, image, and likeness (NIL) services and the development of marketing and branding agreements for corporate clients.

Prior to joining the Firm, Christopher was an associate at a Florida Insurance Defense Litigation firm handling a large portfolio of insurance claims in various practice areas. Additionally, he was an Assistant State Attorney for the State Attorney's Office in the Second Judicial Circuit where he managed all aspects of a felony caseload from arraignment through trial for approximately 160-200 cases. He was also responsible for handling appeals of discrete criminal procedure issues in County Court proceedings and felony post-conviction appeals in Circuit Court.

Christopher previously served in the United States Marine Corps as a Military Police Officer where he worked as a Police Patrol Supervisor and conducted humanitarian aid missions related to Operation Tomadachi in Japan following the Tohuko Earthquake.

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

Represented private financial adviser in turning a contentious Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) arbitration into the favorable acquisition of the largest privately held African American Art Collection in the world. Client became full custodian of the Montague Collection, which consists of approximately 6,000 pieces of various African American mediums of expression covering the relationship and experience of African Americans and the United States.

Conducted depositions, mediations, and dispositive motion hearings in multiple practice areas including complex

products liability, bodily injury, premises liability, and construction law.

Defended the Florida Department of Corrections and other State entities in various civil rights, dental malpractice, construction defect, and tort actions.

Served as lead attorney on complex products liability suit with multimillion-dollar exposure in the United States Northern District of Florida.

Defended matters involving corporate shareholder disputes, commercial property and contract disputes, and class actions involving the Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA).

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Tallahassee Bar Association, Events Committee, 2022-Present

RECOGNITION

Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch, 2024-Present

Florida Trend's Legal Elite, Up & Comer, 2022

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Publications: Tipping The Scales With Florida Community Property Trusts: Do The Rewards Outweigh The Risk? Florida Banking | September 2022

NEWSROOM

In the Media: Fla. Defends Social Media Law, Likens Platforms To Utilities

Law360 | | June 2021

In the Media: Tech Orgs Say New Fla. Social Media Law Limits Free Speech

Law360 | May 2021

In the Media: Tech Trade Groups Sue Over Florida's New Social Media Law

Bloomberg Law | May 2021

Firm Announcements: Stearns Weaver Miller Continues to Strengthen Tallahassee Footprint

| May 2021

In the Media: Stearns Weaver Adds Former Assistant AG In Tallahassee

Law360 | | March 2021

EDUCATION

J.D., cum laude, University of Florida Levin College of Law, 2017

B.A., summa cum laude, University of North Florida, 2014

ADMISSIONS

Florida

United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit

Georgia