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Practice Focus

- Litigation
- Securities litigation
- Business litigation
- Trade secrets
- Data privacy and cybersecurity
- Class action defense

Chris is an Associate in the Litigation Department at McDonald Hopkins. He has represented clients in a variety of litigation matters, including general commercial litigation, class action defense, appellate litigation, intellectual property litigation, consumer fraud, white collar defense, bankruptcy and restructuring, and securities litigation. His class action defense work includes data privacy litigation, Section 1983 claims, and claims under the Illinois Biometric Information Privacy Act. Prior to joining McDonald Hopkins, Chris was a litigation associate at Paul Hastings LLP with a focus on complex commercial litigation.

Chris earned his J.D., with honors, from The University of Chicago Law School in 2009, and his B.A. in Political Science, with honors, from the University of Michigan in 2006.

Admissions - Court

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

Admissions - State

- Illinois

Education

- University of Chicago Law School
- University of Michigan

Public Service and Volunteerism

- Legal Assistance Foundation, Young Professionals Board

Blog Posts

- Update – Illinois Supreme Court to decide whether claims under the Illinois Biometric Information Privacy Act governed by 1-or-5 year limitations
- Claims under Illinois Biometric Information Privacy Act governed by 1-or-5 year limitations, Illinois appellate court finds
- U.S. Supreme Court dramatically limits "no injury" class action lawsuits in federal court
- Illinois appellate court holds that Workers' Compensation Act does not preempt claims for statutory damages under Biometric Information Privacy Act
- Newly proposed Federal Biometrics Privacy Act mirrors controversial - and expensive - Illinois statute
- Seventh Circuit offers narrow - and uncertain - path to Article III standing under Illinois's Biometric Information Privacy Act
- Illinois Supreme Court reaffirms availability of "pick off" strategy in class action cases

News

- Technology licensing agreements: What every business needs to know
- Christopher Allen joins McDonald Hopkins as associate in Chicago

External Publications

- "Landmark Conviction of High Frequency Trader: Assessing the Impact," Bloomberg BNA, White Collar Crime Report (January 8, 2016)
- "cGMP Enforcement and Compliance in the Wake of Rostholder," Bloomberg BNA, Life Sciences Law & Industry Report (July 24, 2015)
- "High-Frequency Trading Firms in the Enforcement Crosshairs," Bloomberg BNA, White Collar Crime Report (December 12, 2014)