



## Christopher Jackson

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**Chris is an experienced appellate advocate and Co-Chair of the Firm's Appellate Practice Group.**

### PRACTICES

Appellate  
Business Litigation  
Government Investigations and White Collar Defense  
Intellectual Property Litigation  
Real Estate Litigation

### EDUCATION

University of Michigan Law School, J.D., 2011  
*Michigan Law Review*, Editor-in-Chief  
Order of the Coif  
*magna cum laude*

Princeton University, B.A., 2007  
*magna cum laude*

### BAR ADMISSIONS

District of Columbia  
Colorado

In his litigation practice, Chris offers a rare perspective: an appellate attorney who's tried more than a dozen cases, including first chairing both jury and bench trials. He's handled matters at the US Supreme Court, most of the federal circuit courts, and in other state and federal courts across the country. He regularly writes and comments about the Tenth Circuit, the Colorado Supreme Court, and the Colorado Court of Appeals.

Prior to joining Holland & Hart, Chris was an assistant attorney general at the Colorado Department of Law, where he investigated and litigated a wide variety of claims on behalf of government officials and agencies. He's also an adjunct professor of election law at DU's Sturm College of Law. Print and broadcast media regularly turn to Chris for his legal analysis on the judiciary, constitutional law, elections, and the Colorado state government.

Previously, Chris clerked for the Honorable Roger L. Gregory on the US Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.

### CLIENT RESULTS

#### Appellate Experience

Appealing a multimillion-dollar judgment against a municipal defendant in a 42 U.S.C. § 1983 action before the Tenth Circuit.

Defended a district court judgment in an arbitration-confirmation dispute before the Tenth Circuit.

Defended the denial of class certification in a multimillion-dollar dispute before the Tenth Circuit.

Represented organizational clients in a Title Board appeal before the Colorado Supreme Court.

Amicus counsel in an appeal before the US Supreme Court involving the Electoral College.

Defended an appeal in a real estate matter before the Colorado Court of Appeals.

Defended an appeal challenging class-action certification before the

Colorado Court of Appeals.

Successfully defended a district court judgement in an intellectual property dispute before the Federal Circuit and the US Supreme Court.

Successfully defended an appeal in a real estate matter before the Colorado Court of Appeals.

### **Commercial Litigation**

Trial counsel in a long-running commercial contracts dispute over third-party tort claims.

Trial counsel in a jury trial involving dispute over a real-estate agreement.

Trial counsel for a national franchise in a trademark dispute.

Trial counsel in a series of intellectual property actions involving a medical device manufacturer.

### **Public Law Experience**

Served as general counsel for the campaign committee of a candidate for statewide office.

Regulatory counsel to several organizational clients seeking to participate in the ballot initiative process.

Regulatory counsel for several political committees.

Served as general counsel for the transition committee of a statewide elected official.

Trial counsel in a First Amendment challenge to a city ordinance.

Trial counsel in a dormant Commerce Clause challenge to an agency rulemaking.

### **PUBLICATIONS**

"Words of Caution from Colorado: Double Check Your Deadlines!," *LexisNexis Practical Guidance*, Co-Author, November 7, 2023

"Tenth Circuit Rules That District Courts Cannot Reopen Cases Under Rule 60(b) That Have Been Voluntarily Dismissed Without Prejudice Under Rule 41(a)," *Law.com*, September 26, 2023

"Tenth Circuit Clarifies Application of the 'Continuing-Violation' and 'Repeated-Violations' Doctrines," *Law.com*, April 21, 2023

"Tenth Circuit Holds That Foreign Arbitration Award Still Subject to Confirmation in the US Despite Foreign Court's Post-Confirmation Annulment of Arbitration Award," *Law.com*, February 8, 2023

"Supreme Court Poised to Issue Blockbuster Decision on Free Speech,"

*Thomson Reuters Westlaw Today*, 11/15/2022

"10th Circuit Applies 'Demanding' Materiality Standard to FCA False-Certification Claim," *Law.com*, 10/11/2022

"Tenth Circuit Recognizes Constitutional Right To Record the Police," *Law.com*, 08/11/2022

"Tenth Circuit Sua Sponte Raises Preclusive Effect of Settlement Agreement to Vacate Preliminary Injunction Relating to Denver Homeless Sweeps," *Law.com*, 06/13/2022

"Tenth Circuit Adopts Expansive Reading of Express-Preemption Provision," *Law.com*, 04/13/2022

"The Tenth Circuit Reverses Qualified Immunity for University Official Under Rule 12(B)(6) in Student Speech Case," *Law.com*, 02/16/2022

"Tenth Circuit Clarifies an Ambiguity in the Final Judgment Rule," *Law.com*, 12/14/2021

"Tenth Circuit Deepens Circuit Split on the Lanham Act's Extraterritorial Scope," *Law.com*, 09/20/2021

"Tenth Circuit Upholds Colorado's Anti-Discrimination Act Against Constitutional Challenge," *Law.com*, 08/23/2021

"Supreme Court OK's TABOR Repeal Initiative," *Law Week Colorado*, June 29, 2020

"Another FRCP Victory: Tenth Circuit Says Federal Rule Trumps State Law," *Law.com*, 06/22/2020

## **SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

"Ethical Issues in Appeals," *ACC Colorado 16th Annual Ethics Day*, 12/01/2022

## **RECOGNITION**

- Colorado Super Lawyers® Rising Stars, Appellate, 2022-2023
- Denver Bar Association Pro Bono Star, 2022
- *5280 Magazine* Top Lawyers, Appellate, 2023, 2024

## **PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC AFFILIATIONS**

- University of Denver Sturm College of Law, Adjunct Professor
- Denver Bar Association, Board of Trustees
- Colorado Bar Association, Board of Governors
- Colorado Bar Association Appellate Practice Subcommittee, Member
- American Bar Association, Appellate Practice Committee, Member