



**A fierce and effective advocate, trial and appellate attorney, Christine Skoczylas focuses on limiting the impact of lawsuits on businesses by managing costs, minimizing distractions and keeping her clients informed at each step of a case. She focuses on achieving positive outcomes so her clients can focus on what matters to them – their businesses.**

Christine specializes in helping clients in a wide range of industries deal with diverse commercial and class action disputes. She takes the time to understand her clients' businesses so she can deliver her services with efficiency and value.

She understands that litigation of any type – from nuisance suits to nationwide class actions and high-stakes commercial cases – can have a profound impact on both business operations and the bottom line. Christine fights hard for her clients and treats their businesses as if they are her own, giving them confidence that their lawyer is not only battle-tested, but has their backs.

Christine triages threats by managing spend, swiftly solving issues, and minimizing impact to a business while pursuing a successful outcome. She has taken bench and jury trials to verdict and represented clients in mediation and arbitration settings across the country. She brings experience as first and second chair in high-stakes trials and has the requisite stamina to go the distance on her clients' behalf. This is best illustrated by the fact that she second-chaired a marathon 60-plus day bench trial and first-chaired a four-week jury trial in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois. Christine's appellate victories show that, when it comes to her clients, she's all in.

Christine understands the internal pressures on in-house attorneys and business executives to solve situations in a timely and cost-effective manner – all while protecting the company's reputation. Her actions are in lock-step with the needs of the business, rather than letting litigation be the tail wagging the dog. Most of all, she believes being responsive to her clients' needs is not just important, it's everything.

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### EDUCATION

Northwestern University School of Law,  
(J.D.), cum laude, note and comment  
development editor of Northwestern  
University Law Review

University of Chicago, (M.S.),  
neurobiology

DePaul University, (B.S.), biological  
sciences, magna cum laude

### BAR ADMISSIONS

Illinois

### COURT ADMISSIONS

U.S. Supreme Court

Illinois Supreme Court

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh  
Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh  
Circuit

U.S. District Court for the Central District  
of Illinois

U.S. District Court for the Northern  
District of Illinois

U.S. District Court for the Southern  
District of Illinois

U.S. District Court for the Western  
District of Wisconsin

### LANGUAGES

English

### PRACTICES

Appeals and Critical Motions

Prior to her legal career, Christine worked as a research biologist with a focus on cancer biology and neurobiology. Notably, Christine has published four articles in leading scientific journals, including a review of the molecular mechanisms involved in virally-induced mesothelioma. In her law practice, Christine applies the logic, focus, and discipline she learned in the laboratory to her cases, integrating complex sets of facts into the strong legal arguments.

**Professional and Community Involvement**

President, Board of Directors, Chicago Volunteer Legal Services

Member, American Bar Association Section of Litigation

Member, Illinois State Bar Association

- Business Tort Litigation (Tortious Interference)
- Commercial Litigation
- Consumer Class Action Defense
- Contract Litigation
- Insurance Recovery and Counseling Litigation