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OVERVIEW

Christopher Valente is a partner in the firm's Boston and Washington, D.C. offices. Chris concentrates his practice on representing clients in connection with complex commercial disputes in state and federal court throughout the United States and in domestic and international arbitration under institutional and ad hoc arbitration rules, including those of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC). From Fortune Global 500 companies to startups about to disrupt the market, Chris works with clients to custom tailor solutions to meet their unique legal risk and needs. In particular, leveraging his passion for innovation and broad experience as a litigator, Chris knows how to work with stakeholders to understand and mitigate legal risks and, to the extent those risks materialize, developing and implementing strategies that align with the clients' goals and needs.

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

Chris is a member of the firmwide Diversity Committee and co-chairs its LGBTQ subcommittee. Chris was recently named a leadership council on Legal Diversity (LCLD) Fellow. Chris is also a member of the firm's IDEA Group, a task force of lawyers and allied professionals working across the platform to cultivate and grow a robust culture of innovation at K&L Gates. Chris serves on the IDEA Group's Legal Project Management (LPM) & Workflow subcommittee, which is tasked with leveraging internal and external resources to identify, evaluate, and promote LPM and workflow strategies, tools, and concepts to create and drive innovation and efficiency within every practice group, industry group, and office. Chris is certified in Legal Project Management by the LPM Institute.

Chris is an active member of the Boston legal community. Chris is a member of the Boston Bar Association. He is a fellow of the Boston Bar Foundation (BBF) and has chaired and served on the steering committees of numerous fundraising efforts to advance the BBF's mission of helping thousands of individuals and families through pro bono programs, grants to legal services organizations.

In addition, Chris is a vice president and member of executive committee of the Tufts Alumni Council, the governing body of the Tufts University Alumni Association, and currently chairs the Tufts Alumni Council's Strategic Planning Committee. In 2013, Chris received the Young Alumni Distinguished Service Award in recognition of his service to Tufts University Alumni Association.

EDUCATION

- J.D., Boston University School of Law, 2009 (*cum laude*) (*Sylvia Beinecke Robinson Award*)
- B.A., Tufts University, 2005 (*cum laude*) (*Tufts University Alumni Association Senior Award*)

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of District of Columbia
- Bar of Massachusetts
- Bar of New Hampshire
- Bar of Rhode Island
- Bar of Vermont
- United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts
- United States District Court for the District of New Hampshire
- United States District Court for the District of Rhode Island

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP POWERED BY HUB

- 22 March 2024, Tennessee Moves First on AI Protections With ELVIS Act
- 4 March 2024, New USPTO Guidelines on AI-Assisted Inventions Leave Many Questions Unanswered
- 29 February 2024, New USPTO Guidelines on AI-Assisted Inventions Leave Many Questions Unanswered
- 14 September 2023, Litigation Minute: Pixel Tools and Personal Financial Information
- 5 September 2023, Recent Trends in Generative Artificial Intelligence Litigation in the United States
- 30 August 2023, Federal Court Rules Work Generated by Artificial Intelligence Alone Is Not Eligible for Copyright Protection
- 29 August 2023, Litigation Minute: Pixel Tools and the Video Privacy Protection Act
- 26 May 2022, Arbitration World: U.S. Cases and International Arbitration — International Arbitration Clauses in Insurance Policies: Are They Valid in States With Anti-Arbitration Insurance Statutes?
- February 2022, February 2022 Accolades
- 7 February 2022, Litigation Minute: International Arbitration Clauses in Insurance Policies: Are They Valid in States With Anti-Arbitration Insurance Statutes?
- 4 March 2021, COVID-19: Massachusetts Proposed Bills Addressing Coverage for Small Businesses – A Different Approach

- 6 May 2020, COVID-19: Congress, Pennsylvania, Michigan, and South Carolina Join Other Jurisdictions Proposing Legislation Addressing Insurers' Obligations to Pay for Pandemic-Related Losses
- 6 May 2020, COVID-19: Massachusetts Joins the Five Other New England States in Temporarily Permitting Remote Notarization
- 10 April 2020, COVID-19: New England States Embrace Remote Notarization as Connecticut, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont Temporarily Eliminate "In-Person" Requirements
- 6 April 2020, COVID-19: Growing Number of U.S. States Propose Legislation Requiring Insurers to Pay for COVID-19-Related Losses Incurred by Small Companies
- 31 March 2020, COVID-19: Impact on Consumer Financial Service Providers
- 9 April 2018, District Court Finds No Violation of First Amendment in TCPA Suit Brought By Coalition of Bi-Partisan Political Organizations
- 28 July 2017, District Court Set to Rule on Cross Motions for Summary Judgment in First Amendment Challenge to TCPA
- 27 July 2017, District Court Set to Rule on Cross Motions for Summary Judgment in First Amendment Challenge to TCPA
- 27 March 2017, Federal Government Not Successful in Moving to Dismiss First Amendment Challenge to TCPA
- 24 March 2017, Federal Government Not Successful in Moving to Dismiss First Amendment Challenge to TCPA
- 23 November 2016, Trump's Campaign to go it Alone on the First Amendment Challenge to the TCPA
- 23 November 2016, Trump's Campaign to go it Alone on First Amendment Challenge to the TCPA
- 7 November 2016, As Campaign Draws to a Close, Trump's First Amendment Challenge to the TCPA Continues On
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OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- "New US Patent and Trademark Office Guidelines on Artificial Intelligence Assisted Inventions Leave Many Questions Unanswered," *Intellectual Property & Technology Law Journal*, May 2024
- "Developers Are Testing Defenses In Generative AI Litigation," *Law360*, 15 September 2023
- Parties, Chapter 24 of the treatise, entitled Business and Commercial Litigation in Federal Courts, Thomson Reuters and the American Bar Association's Section of Litigation, Fifth Edition, 2021

NEWS & EVENTS

- 28 February 2022, K&L Gates Selects 2022 Leadership Council on Legal Diversity Fellow, Pathfinders
- 2 March 2018, K&L Gates Names 34 New Partners Across Global Platform

MEDIA MENTIONS

- Quoted, Know Your (IP) Rights, *GOLD The Business Magazine of Cyprus*, 20 October, 2019

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Commercial Disputes
- Construction and Infrastructure
- Data Protection, Privacy, and Security
- Financial Institutions and Services Litigation
- Insurance Recovery and Counseling
- International Arbitration
- Real Estate Litigation
- White Collar Defense and Investigations

INDUSTRIES

- Artificial Intelligence
- Technology

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Represents global EPC contractor in multi-billion dollar ICC arbitration involving the design and construction of one of the largest refineries in Latin America.
- Represented placement agent/underwriter of municipal securities in litigation arising out of the failure of 38 Studios, LLC, a start-up videogame development company.
- Represented West Virginia University in litigation concerning WVU's departure from The Big East Conference, which ultimately resulted in a settlement that allowed WVU to becoming a member of The Big 12 Conference for the 2012-13 season.
- Represented client in malpractice and breach of contract lawsuit against former accounting and auditing firm, which resulted in a multi-million dollar jury verdict in the client's favor.

- Represented the quasi-public agency responsible for the solid waste disposal for the State of Rhode Island in connection with multiple actions against various entities arising from widespread mismanagement and abuse involving the former commissioners and executives of the agency. This representation has resulted in the recovery of in excess of \$15 million from a variety of sources, including the agency's D&O liability and commercial crime policies.
- Represented major financial institutions in multi-jurisdictional investigation relating to mortgage foreclosure practices.
- Represented large institutional investors as victims of a \$1.5 billion investment fraud scheme in parallel civil and criminal cases pending in District Court for the Southern District of New York.
- Represented indenture trustee in civil action brought by minority bondholders following going-concern sale of bond-financed continuing care retirement facility.