



## Christopher T. Zona

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### Overview

Chris Zona is a Partner in the Firm's Litigation Department, Healthcare Litigation Group, and White Collar and Criminal Defense Group. His practice focuses primarily on all facets of litigation, defense and dispute resolution, investigations, and crisis management.

Mr. Zona is a veteran litigator and a seasoned trial attorney. He has served as trial counsel in more than 50 trials, including over 30 jury trials. Chris also has spent time as an associate general counsel to a Fortune 10 healthcare organization. Given his breadth of experience, Mr. Zona brings a trial lawyer's mindset and an in-house counsel's business acumen to each representation.

Mr. Zona represents clients from all industries in various types of affirmative and defensive litigation. He is well-versed in navigating pre-litigation negotiations and investigations, all facets of litigation, and trial practice. Chris has also assisted clients as appellate counsel in both state and federal appellate courts.

Before joining the Firm, Mr. Zona was a litigation attorney at two national law firms based in New York City. His practice focused primarily on complex commercial litigation in the U.S. (both federal and state court) and abroad, leading and responding to internal investigations, and strategic crisis management. Chris was also an in-house litigation and investigations counsel for one of the largest healthcare companies in the world. In that role, he oversaw nationwide litigation, led investigations related to the FCA, FCPA, Anti-Kickback Statute and Stark Law, and advised business units on risk management.

Mr. Zona began his career as a Judge Advocate in the U.S. Air Force. During his time in uniform, Chris served as an Assistant Staff Judge Advocate, Area Defense Counsel, and, finally, a Senior Trial Counsel with the elite Special Victims Unit. He served as lead trial counsel in dozens of criminal trials, prosecuting and defending the Air Force's most serious and complex felony cases. He also represented the Government and individual clients in hundreds of criminal and administrative investigations. He separated from the military as a major-select.

Mr. Zona received his Juris Doctor degree from Washington & Lee University School of Law and his B.A. in Political Science and History from Union College where he also played varsity football. Prior to attending law school, Chris coached college football at Worcester Polytechnic Institute and the University of Rhode Island.

In 2024, Mr. Zona was named a Distinguished Honoree on the Marquis Who's Who List. The Marquis list serves as one of the most comprehensive and authoritative registries of leaders and achievers from various fields including business, law, education, healthcare, and more.

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## Awards

2024 Marquis Who's Who Award

## Publications

[FEPA: The Most Influential Anti-Bribery Legislation Since FCPA or a Paper Tiger?](#) *New York Law Journal* (July 5, 2024)

[Unpacking The Legal Foundation Of Trump's New Trade War](#) *Law360* (February 5, 2025)

## Areas of Practice

[Litigation](#)

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## Admission

- Connecticut
- New York
- New Jersey
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York
- U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey

- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

## Education

- Washington & Lee University School of Law, J.D., *magna cum laude*
- Union College (NY), B.A., *summa cum laude*