



## Christopher T. Zona

Partner

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### Overview

**Chris Zona is a seasoned trial lawyer who represents companies and executives in high-stakes litigation, investigations, and crisis situations.**

Chris is a Partner in the Firm's Litigation Department, Healthcare Litigation Group, and White Collar and Criminal Defense Group. His practice spans high-stakes litigation, white collar defense, internal investigations, and crisis management. He is a trial-tested business litigator with a deep record of success in complex, high-exposure matters. His work sits at the intersection of litigation, business strategy, and crisis response, where he represents companies, executives, and individuals facing their most consequential challenges.

Chris has tried more than 70 cases—including over 30 jury trials—in state, federal, and bankruptcy courts across the country, bringing deep first-chair experience to complex, high-exposure disputes. He is known for sharp case strategy, persuasive courtroom advocacy, and the ability to translate complicated issues into clear, compelling arguments for judges and juries. Beyond the courtroom, Chris advises clients in internal investigations, compliance matters, and allegations of misconduct, offering practical, real-time guidance that aligns legal strategy with business objectives. Clients across industries rely on his steady judgment, strategic insight, and ability to manage fast-moving disputes with both legal and commercial perspective. Whether leading a trial team or guiding leadership through a crisis, Chris brings the seasoned judgment of a litigator who has been tested in the moments that matter.

Before joining the Firm, Chris practiced at nationally recognized law firms in New York City, handling complex disputes for major corporations, financial institutions, and senior executives. He later served as in-house litigation counsel for a Fortune 10 company, managing significant litigation portfolios and advising leadership on enterprise-wide risk and sensitive investigations. Chris began his career as a Judge Advocate in the U.S. Air Force, trying dozens of felony cases and leading hundreds of investigations in roles including Senior Trial Counsel with the Special Victims Unit. He separated from service as a major select.

He earned his J.D. 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. Before attending law school, Chris coached college football at Worcester Polytechnic Institute and the University of Rhode Island.

In 2024, he was recognized as a Distinguished Honoree on the Marquis Who's Who List, one of the most comprehensive registries of leaders and high achievers across professional fields.

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## Awards

2024 Marquis Who's Who Award

## Publications

[How Savvy Real-Estate Investors can Maximize Returns in Today's Distressed Market](#), *Law.com* (September 30, 2025)

[Legal Precision Meets Opportunistic Investing: How Savvy Real-Estate Investors Can Maximize Returns in Today's Distressed Market](#), *Law.com* (August 31, 2025)

[Turning Conflict Into Capital: A Three Part Series](#) (June 24, 2025)

[Massive Fines for Big Tech Call EU's DMA Fairness Into Question](#) *Bloomberg Law* (June 6, 2025)

[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)

[Will the Uptick of Antitrust Enforcement by the Federal Government Continue Under President Trump During His Second Term?](#) *New York Law Journal* (March 17, 2025)

## Areas of Practice

[Litigation](#)

[White Collar and Criminal Defense](#)

[Bankruptcy](#)

[Healthcare](#)

## 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*

## Podcasts

["Acquiring Distressed Multifamily," \*Street Smart Success\*, September 15, 2025](#)

["Turning Conflict Into Capital, Buying Distressed Debt & Due Diligence Must Haves," \*Best Ever CRE Show Podcast\*, August 22, 2025](#)

["Non-Performing Loan Real Estate Investment Litigation Strategy," \*Commercial Real Estate Pro Network\*, October 30, 2025](#)