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PRACTICES

Product Liability

Christian E. Lopez

SPECIAL COUNSEL

EXPERIENCE

Christian E. Lopez is a trial attorney who represents manufacturers and other businesses in complex product liability, commercial liability, and personal injury matters in Illinois state and federal courts. His practice focuses on defending clients through all phases of litigation. With the understanding that each client and case is unique, he evaluates liability exposure, develops case strategy, and provides counsel on dispositive motion practice, settlement, and trial. Drawing on significant courtroom experience, Christian has secured favorable outcomes in high-exposure matters, including obtaining complete defense verdicts in cases involving millions in claimed damages. He is equally seasoned in resolving cases short of trial to reduce risk and exposure. His overall case strategy incorporates settlement resolution, and he has settled numerous cases in favor of his clients including a highly contested litigated matter that settled for nearly a quarter of a billion dollars without any direct contribution from the client.

Before entering private practice, Christian served as an assistant state's attorney with the Cook County State's Attorney's Office, where he tried hundreds of cases, first-chaired numerous jury trials to verdict, and supervised assistant state's attorneys in one of the county's busiest courtrooms. His trial experience with the State's Attorney's Office provided the foundation to his trial advocacy and favorable verdicts in civil and commercial litigation. That extensive trial experience continues to inform his strategic approach to litigation and advocacy on behalf of Goldberg Segalla clients.

EXPERIENCE HIGHLIGHTS

Representative Matters

- In a 2026 trial, obtained a full defense verdict on behalf of the client in a matter involving sensitive allegations and \$25 million in claimed damages.
- In a 2026 trial, obtained a complete defense verdict on behalf of the client and its employee in a matter involving significant liability exposure and more than \$8 million in claimed damages.
- Developed and executed the settlement strategy in a complex litigation that settled for more than \$220 million without any settlement contribution directly from the client.
- Represents businesses in complex litigation in Illinois state and federal courts, handling matters through discovery, dispositive motions, mediation, settlement negotiations, and trial.

BACKGROUND

ADMISSIONS

- Illinois

EDUCATION

- DePaul University College of Law, J.D., 2018
 - *DePaul Business and Commercial Law Journal*
- DePaul University, B.A., 2013