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Christina L. Capobianco

PARTNER

EXPERIENCE

Christina Capobianco is an experienced and trial-tested litigator whose reputation for defending regional and national businesses and insurers in diverse civil litigation matters rests on a record of successful trials, arbitrations, and mediations. She serves in a leadership role as a vice chair of the **Civil Litigation and Trial** practice group. Christina defends and advises school districts in education-related matters, including civil rights claims and student expulsions, and has represented businesses and insurers in insurance coverage claims, bad faith claims, premises liability, management and professional liability, and commercial litigation. Christina brings to each matter an approach to defense strategy that is assertive, versatile, and marked by meticulous discovery and evidence-gathering.

Christina is also a leader in the firm's Transportation group. She has a wealth of experience representing trucking companies and truck drivers in accident-related claims alleging personal injury, catastrophic loss, and property damage. She has built client relationships with several trucking companies and insurers through her activity in industry organizations, which includes serving on the steering committee for the Defense Research Institute's Trucking Law Committee and membership in Women In Trucking.

Prior to entering private practice, Christina served as a law clerk to the Honorable Thomas A. Brown, Jr. in the Camden County New Jersey Superior Court and served as a legal intern to the Honorable Theodore McKee in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

EXPERIENCE HIGHLIGHTS

Trucking and Transportation

Christina is an experienced transportation litigator and a leader in the firm's **Transportation** practice group. She devotes significant time to the promotion and education of the trucking industry and is a frequent lecturer on topics of interest within the trucking, transportation and logistics industries.

Representative matters include:

- Won summary judgment on behalf of a car rental company in a personal injury action where the plaintiff alleged that he was struck by a vehicle owned by the car rental company while crossing the street.
- Represented a tractor-trailer company in a personal injury case in Burlington County, New Jersey, in which the plaintiff and a tractor-trailer were involved in a head-on collision at a curved portion of the roadway; the case settled just before trial for less than one-fifth of the plaintiff's demand.

PRACTICES

Civil Litigation and Trial

Transportation

Management and Professional
Liability

Construction Litigation and
Counsel

INDUSTRIES

Transportation

Construction

Management and Professional Liability

Christina regularly defends lawyers, insurance agents and brokers, and other professionals against claims alleging malpractice. She has represented professional clients in complex litigation, some with exposures in excess of \$20 million. In addition, Christina defends media professionals and others, including authors and publishers, in claims involving false advertising and defamation.

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Insurance Coverage

Christina is an experienced insurance coverage litigator, and has defended statewide, regional, and national insurers in a wide variety of coverage disputes. She has particularly deep experience defending bad faith claims.

Representative matters include:

- Obtained a defense verdict for an insurer in a bad faith case in the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas. The plaintiff argued that the insurer mishandled the underlying Underinsured Motorist claim through undue delays, undervaluation, and improper claims handling producers. Following a bench trial, the Judge issued a 37-page opinion rejecting plaintiff's arguments.
- Won summary judgment for an insurer for a bad faith claim in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. The plaintiff claimed the insurer improperly denied a claim for damage to a commercial property caused by an accumulation of water on a flat roof. The court held that the insurer conducted a proper investigation and did not act in bad faith in denying the plaintiff's claim.

HONORS & AWARDS

- Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review Rating: AV Preeminent
- Pennsylvania *Super Lawyers*, Rising Stars, 2012–19

BACKGROUND

ADMISSIONS

- Pennsylvania
- New Jersey
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania

EDUCATION

- Rutgers-Camden School of Law, J.D., *cum laude*, 2004
- Rutgers University, B.A., 2001

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Bar Association
- Pennsylvania Bar Association
- Defense Research Institute
- Justinian Society
- Women in Trucking
- Chamber of Commerce of Greater Philadelphia
- Pennsylvania Motor Truck Association

TRAININGS AND CERTIFICATIONS

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- Arbitrator, Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas
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COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Professional Women's Roundtable
- Rutgers Alumni Association
- Young Friends of the Philadelphia Museum of Art
- Markheim Arts Center, Board of Advisors

PUBLICATIONS & EVENTS

PUBLICATIONS

- "Strategies for Excluding Your Driver's Cell Phone Usage," (Co-Author), *For The Defense*, December 2019
 - "Preserving Electronic Data for Use at Trial" (Co-Author), *DRI In Transit*, November 2, 2018
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PRESENTATIONS

- "Understanding and Using Summary Judgment Motions and Declaratory Judgment Actions," Pennsylvania Association of Mutual Insurance Companies, Claims Summit, April 2010