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### Overview

For over a decade, Christopher K. Smith, partner at LashGoldberg, has represented Fortune 500 companies, boutique businesses, and other individuals in arbitration, litigation, and investigations throughout Florida and the United States, including Alabama, New York, North Carolina, and Tennessee.

Focusing on complex litigation, health care litigation and employment litigation, Chris's most recent experience includes successfully litigating dozens of multimillion dollar disputes for hospital corporations, and successfully challenging a public hospital district's improper use of taxpayer funds.

Additionally, Chris was recognized as a Top Up & Comer in the 2022 *South Florida Legal Guide*. He is active in pro bono work, previously representing a Florida inmate at trial in a 1983 Civil Rights action in the U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida and also serving on the Court Appointed Special Advocates-New York City (CASA-NYC) Executive Committee of the Junior Board of Directors from 2012-2014. Chris has served as a committee member for the Miami Children's Museum and continues to participate in various volunteer organizations and pro bono activities in Miami, Florida.

Chris received a joint law degree and M.B.A. with a concentration in finance from Emory University. He attended Duke University receiving an undergraduate degree in philosophy and psychology.

Principal Practice Areas:

- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Class Action Litigation

- Complex Commercial Litigation
- Consumer Litigation Defense
- Employment Litigation
- Government Investigations and Regulatory Agency Defense
- Health Care Litigation
- Real Estate Litigation

## **Education:**

- Emory University, Juris Doctor and Master of Business Administration
- Duke University, Bachelor of Arts

## **Admissions:**

- New York;
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York;
- Florida;
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida;
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida; and
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit.

## **Honors / Accreditations:**

- Named as a Top Up & Comer, 2022 *South Florida Legal Guide*
- Speaker, American Bar Association's 2022 webinar, "What You Need to Know for Drafting Healthcare ADR Provisions"
- Emory Law School Moot Court Society
- Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Team
- Winner, Emory Law School Fall 2006 Intra-School Moot Court Competition

## **Professional Affiliations:**

- Dade County Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- Florida Bar Association

## **Selected Representations:**

- Represented former mayor of Ponce Inlet, Florida, in the Florida Supreme Court in a successful challenge to a public hospital district's

improper use of taxpayer funds to build a hospital outside of its territorial boundaries (*Halifax Hosp. Med. Ctr. v. State*, 278 So. 3d 545 (Fla. 2019)).

- Successfully litigated over a dozen multimillion dollar disputes involving commercial, Medicare, and Medicaid disputed claims.
- Successfully represented plaintiff hospital corporation in connection with contractual underpayment of bariatric sleeve surgeries in North Carolina State Court.
- Negotiated to resolution various multimillion dollar contractual and lease agreement disputes on behalf of international companies.
- Favorably resolved various securities litigation matters on behalf of financial services companies.
- Successfully represented financial institutions and associations in various appellate cases in Florida and New York.
- Successfully represented individuals in connection with U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) matters.
- Represented large financial institutions in successfully recovering assets related to post-judgment enforcement actions for millions of dollars.
- Represented multinational business in putative Florida-wide class action involving allegations of false and misleading labeling.