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Christopher Borchert focuses his practice on high-stakes commercial and white collar litigation. Chris has significant experience representing clients in the financial services, pharmaceutical, and technology industries, particularly in corporate and commercial disputes; securities, shareholder, and derivative litigation; corporate control and M&A litigation; and real estate litigation. Chris also frequently represents corporate and individual clients in criminal and civil investigations by the Department of Justice, as well as regulatory investigations and enforcement actions by the SEC and other federal and state agencies. Chris was recognized in the 2021 and 2022 “Ones to Watch” list by *The Best Lawyers in America*^{®*}.

Before joining Alston & Bird, Chris completed a two-year clerkship with the Hon. Esther Salas, U.S. District Judge for the District of New Jersey. While in law school, Chris published his article “Reasonable Expectations of Privacy Settings: Social Media and the Stored Communications Act” in the *Duke Law & Technology Review*. He also served on the Connecticut Moot Court Board and was selected as the student commencement speaker for his graduating class.

Since 2015, Christopher has been an active big brother with Big Brothers Big Sisters.

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Representative Experience

- Defended a former mortgage bond trader at a major investment bank in a highly publicized securities fraud case brought by the SEC in the Southern District of New York. Following extensive discovery, the SEC agreed to voluntarily dismiss all claims against the client with prejudice.
- Defended a publicly traded biopharmaceutical company and its board of directors in M&A/proxy litigation brought in Nevada state court. Following expedited discovery and a multiday evidentiary hearing, the court denied the shareholder plaintiff’s motion for a preliminary injunction, permitting the client to close the transaction.
- Represented one of the world’s largest derivatives dealers in a payment default with its customer, a multinational real estate and petroleum investor, negotiating a mutually beneficial settlement that avoided protracted litigation.
- Represented a publicly traded pharmaceutical company in parallel SEC and DOJ investigations related to insider trading and other regulatory and compliance issues.
- Represented a leading beverage manufacturer in federal litigation related to an arbitration against a commercial supplier.

Publications & Presentations

Publications

- “How to Mitigate Sentencing Liability in Complex Fraud Cases,” *Law360*, March 16, 2022.
- “Reasonable Expectations of Privacy Settings: Social Media and the Stored Communications Act,” *Duke Law & Technology Review*, Vol. 13, No. 1, 2015.

Professional & Community Engagement

- Big Brothers Big Sisters

Education

- University of Connecticut (J.D., 2014)
- The George Washington University (B.A., 2011)

Admitted to Practice

- New York
- New Jersey

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