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### Education

- Duke University School of Law, J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2012;  
Articles Editor, *Law & Contemporary Problems*
- Princeton University, B.A., *cum laude*, 2007

### Bar Admissions

- California
- District of Columbia
- Texas

### Court Admissions

- U.S. District Court for the Central District of California
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin

**Chris Berg** is a trial lawyer with a decade's worth of experience in all aspects of litigation. His practice focuses on complex civil litigation, white collar criminal defense, and government investigations. He has represented multinational companies, senior executives, and other entities in a wide variety of circumstances, including pre-litigation conflict resolution, class actions, arbitrations, investigations, and prosecutions in state and federal court. Chris began his practice as an associate at Williams & Connolly LLP in Washington, D.C. prior to joining Ellis George Cipollone.

Chris maintains an international practice, with matters involving alleged conduct in North America, Latin America, Asia, Africa, and Europe. These representations have involved a wide range of substantive areas of law, including antitrust issues, unfair trade practices, securities fraud, mail and wire fraud, bank fraud, commercial bribery, money laundering, Foreign Corrupt Practices Act issues, and Office of Foreign Assets Control sanctions. Chris has experience working in a variety of industry sectors, including financial services, professional services, telecommunications, mining, sports, and energy.

Chris also maintains an active pro bono practice. He has successfully represented indigent criminal defendants in felony-level cases in Superior Court for the District of Columbia and in Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Maryland in matters involving alleged conduct ranging from armed robbery to conspiracy to riot. He also represents clients applying for asylum before the U.S. Immigration court. Chris also has represented arts and culture-focused charitable organizations to apply for 501(c)(3) non-profit status. He is a member of D.C.'s Capital pro bono "High Honor Roll."

## Representative Experience

Though all cases vary and none is predictive, Chris's experience includes:

- Represented pharmaceutical company in civil antitrust litigation relating to market foreclosure
- Represented health insurance company in contract and alleged fraud dispute
- Represented corporate conglomerate prosecute trade secret misappropriation claims
- Represented healthcare company in ERISA class action

- Represented individual in criminal antitrust investigation relating to alleged bid-rigging in South Korea
- Represented international sports broadcasting company in civil RICO action arising out of the FIFA investigation
- Represented individuals in FCPA and money laundering investigation relating to alleged conduct in Africa
- Represented former CEO in securities fraud dispute
- Defended telecommunications executive against wire fraud and money laundering charges
- Represented financial institution in securities and bank fraud prosecution
- Represented former bank CEO against the FDIC involving allegations of breach of fiduciary duty
- Represented a Salvadorian mother and child in obtaining asylum in the United States

## **Judicial Clerkships**

- Clerk for Judge Michael Baylson, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, 2013 - 2014
- Clerk for Judge Gerald Bard Tjoflat, United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, 2012 – 2013

## **Government Experience**

- Law Clerk, Department of Justice, Antitrust Division, July 2011 - August 2011
- Law Clerk, United States Attorney's Office, Eastern District of New York, Narcotics Section, June 2010 - August 2010