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Christopher K. Robertson is a Member in the Banking and Financial Services industry groups, focusing primarily on litigation, professional liability, errors and omissions, and commercial litigation. He practices out of the Firm's office in Martinsburg, West Virginia.

Chris is a consummate professional who always has eyes trained on the big picture for his clients. With nearly three decades of experience, Chris handles matters involving personal injury, errors and omissions, professional negligence, lender liability, and virtually any kind of commercial litigation.

Chris has also defended many cases alleging predatory lending, inflated home appraisals, and loan processing errors. He has also defended numerous cases filed by consumers under the West Virginia Consumer Credit and Protection Act, Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act, Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, and the Truth in Lending Act, including such actions instituted by the Office of the West Virginia Attorney General. He has also represented automobile dealers and manufacturers against claims of fraud, breach of consumer warranties, and violation of state lemon laws, as well as builders and manufacturers of housing against claims about alleged defects in home construction. Although his practice has historically been on the defense side, Chris also once successfully represented — and obtained a seven-figure result for — a Fortune 100 company in a coverage dispute with its insurer concerning mold that had impacted multiple floors of the client's building.

Chris' track record is long, impressive, and speaks for itself. He has a vast amount of experience and has handled virtually all types of civil litigation. He is also a trained mediator and uses his skills, his practical experience, and his temperament to help litigants resolve their disputes.

Chris is a member of the Defense Research Institute (DRI) and Defense Trial Counsel of West Virginia. He joined the Firm in 1992 after earning his law degree from Washington and Lee University School of Law. Outside of the office, Chris enjoys music, traveling, and rooting for the West Virginia Mountaineers and the Baltimore Ravens.

Awards

- National Moot Court Team (1992)
- David Moot Court Competition, best brief finalist (1992)
- McMurren Scholar - Shepherd College (1989)
- Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities

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Notable Legal Experience

- Defending client against lending institution which refused to honor commercial loan commitments

- Defending numerous cases alleging predatory lending, inflated home appraisals and loan processing or servicing errors
- Defending numerous cases alleging violations of the West Virginia Consumer Credit and Protection Act, Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act, Fair Debt Collection Practices Act and the Truth in Lending Act
- Representing automobile dealers and manufacturers against claims of fraud, breach of consumer warranties and violation of state lemon laws
- Representing both builders and manufacturers of manufactured housing against claims arising from alleged defects in home construction
- Defending lending institution in bankruptcy court adversary proceeding where customer challenged \$2,000,000 loan
- Defending companies in numerous claims and suits involving claims of fraud and breach of consumer warranties
- Defending banking institutions, automobile dealerships, manufacturers and retailers of manufactured housing against various consumer claims
- Defending clients against investigations by and litigation with the State Attorney General regarding alleged violations of consumer protection laws
- Defending clients in litigation regarding Articles 2, 2A, 3, 4 and 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code
- Representing numerous attorneys against claims of professional negligence, legal malpractice and fraud
- Defending law firm accused on legal malpractice on claim which exceeded \$1,000,000
- Arguing case before the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals that essentially rewrote the tort statute of limitations in West Virginia
- Representing employers in deliberate intent claims arising from allegedly catastrophic injuries to employees
- Representing an international manufacturer against claims alleging that adjacent landowners and their properties were exposed to harmful chemicals
- Representing Fortune 100 company against its insurer on a claim for coverage of mold in commercial office building

Work History

- Jackson Kelly PLLC (1992-Present)
- Smith, Pachter, McWhorter & D'Ambrosio, Law Clerk (1991)
- Staggers & Webb, Law Clerk (1990)

Practices

- Arbitration, Mediation & Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Commercial Litigation
- Litigation
- Professional Liability, Errors & Omissions

Industries

- Banking
- Financial Services

Education

- Washington and Lee University School of Law (J.D., *cum laude*, 1992)
- Shepherd College (B.S., *magna cum laude*, 1989)

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Admissions

- Maryland (1993)
- West Virginia (1992)

- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit (1999)
- Court of Appeals of Maryland (1993)
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of West Virginia (1992)
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of West Virginia (1992)
- West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals (1992)

Professional Organizations

- Defense Trial Counsel
- Defense Research Institute
- Blue Ridge Claims Association
- West Virginia Bar Association
- Maryland State Bar Association

Speaking Engagements & Publications

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- Lecturer, "The Supreme Court after Blankenship," Jackson Kelly Workers' Compensation Law Seminar (1997)
- Lecturer, "West Virginia Workers' Comp - Reform or Raw Deal?," Jackson Kelly Workers' Compensation Law Seminar (1997)
- Lecturer, "The New Face of West Virginia Workers' Compensation: An Exclusive Analysis of S.B. 250," Jackson Kelly Workers' Compensation Law Seminar (1995)
- Lecturer, Potomac Highlands Support Services (1993)

Writings and Publications

- Author, "Legal Aspects of Video Surveillance," Defense Trial Counsel of West Virginia (1993)
- Preparation of various articles for use in Insurance Law

Community

- American Heart Association, Eastern Panhandle Chapter, Board of Directors and Chairman of the Eastern Panhandle Heart Walk
- Junior Order United American Mechanics