Holland & Hart



PRACTICES

Business Litigation
Intellectual Property Litigation
Appellate
Finance

EDUCATION

University of Virginia, J.D., 1985
Virginia Law Review, Editorial Board Member

Dartmouth College, B.A., 1981
magna cum laude

BAR ADMISSIONS

Colorado

Christopher Toll

Senior Counsel

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Clients trust Chris Toll to help them navigate complex business litigation and bet-the-company cases.

Chris's trial practice concentrates in two areas: general commercial and trade secrets/covenants not to compete.

Extensive Courtroom Experience. Chris has successfully tried numerous jury trials, bench trials, preliminary injunction hearings, and commercial arbitrations. He is a Fellow of the highly selective American College of Trial Lawyers.

Professional recognition. In 2014, Benchmark Litigation stated about Chris, "If you have a bet-the-company case, he's the kind of person you want on your side." He has been similarly recognized for his client service and litigation results in a wide range of additional peer-review publications.

EXPERIENCE

General Commercial

Chris represents plaintiffs and defendants in a wide range of commercial and business tort cases, including those involving:

- Asset and stock purchase agreements
- Sales contracts
- Computer software license agreements
- Patent licenses
- Processing agreements
- Partnership agreements
- Fraud and Negligent Misrepresentation
- Interference with contract
- Breach of fiduciary duty

Trade Secrets/Covenants Not To Compete

Chris prosecutes and defends cases involving:

- Trade secrets / Covenants not to compete
- Non-solicitation agreements
- Other claims relating to departing employees

He has developed a procedural specialty in obtaining and defending temporary restraining orders and preliminary injunctions in this category of cases.

CLIENT RESULTS

General Commercial

Obtained a $1.7 million jury verdict, including $525,000 in punitive damages, in a federal court trial for fraudulent concealment, negligent misrepresentation, and breach of contract.

Obtained defense verdict after two-week federal court jury trial for $22 million involving claims of fraud and breach of a computer software license agreement.

Obtained partial summary judgment dismissing $32 million in claimed lost-profits damages.

Served as bank counsel in receivership of $25 million agricultural operation.

Obtained an $800,000 American Arbitration Association award following a week-long hearing concerning fraud in the sale of a business.

Successfully defended counterclaims for breach of fiduciary duty in a week-long jury trial; award of all attorneys' fees affirmed on appeal.

Obtained defense verdict in two-week federal court jury trial for alleged abuse of process.

Successfully defended claim for alleged breach of patent license agreement in two-week federal court bench trial.

Obtained preliminary injunction preventing opposing party from terminating sale of goods contract with client.

Obtained two arbitration awards for partnership in health care industry awarding liquidated damages for competition.

Obtained defense award following week-long trial concerning alleged violations of Colorado Common Interest Ownership Act.

Obtained preliminary injunction preventing termination of asset purchase agreement for conveyance of telecommunication assets.

Trade Secrets/Covenants Not-to-Compete

Obtained a preliminary injunction that closed the business of a company misappropriating client's trade secret product designs and business strategies.

Obtained two preliminary injunctions drastically limiting a competitor's ability to raid client's employees.

Obtained temporary restraining order in state court preventing breach of customer non-solicitation covenant and misappropriation of trade secret customer list.

Obtained temporary restraining order in state court enforcing noncompete provision.

Obtained denial of preliminary injunction in federal court concerning alleged violation of covenant not to compete and misappropriation of trade secrets in government contracts industry.

Obtained ex-parte temporary restraining order in federal court for misappropriation of thousands of trade secret computer records.

RECOGNITION

- *Chambers USA*, Litigation: General Commercial, 2010-2025
- *The Best Lawyers in America*® Lawyer of the Year, Litigation – Banking and Finance – Denver, 2018, 2021, 2023
- *The Best Lawyers in America*® Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Banking and Finance, 2011-2027; Bet-the-Company Litigation, 2022-2027
- Colorado Super Lawyers®, Business Litigation, 2006, 2009-2026
- Colorado Super Lawyers®, Top 100 Lawyers, 2020-2026
- Colorado Super Lawyers®, Top 10 Lawyers, 2025
- Colorado Super Lawyers®, Top 5 Lawyers: Business Litigation 2026
- *5280 Magazine* Top Lawyers, Commercial Litigation, 2020-2024; Commercial, 2025
- Corporate Counsel Black Book, Commercial Litigation
- *Benchmark Litigation*, Local Litigation Star, 2013-2026
- Super Lawyers® Corporate Counsel Edition, Commercial Litigation
- Martindale-Hubbell®, AV Preeminent® Rating
- ColoradoBiz, Colorado 500, Business Litigation, 2026

PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC AFFILIATIONS

- American College of Trial Lawyers, Fellow
- Faculty of Federal Advocates, Board of Directors, 2007-2009
- Dartmouth Lawyers' Association, President, 2004-2006; Board Member, 2006-present
- American Bar Association, Litigation Section, Member
- Colorado Bar Association, Member