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OVERVIEW

Christopher Valente is a partner in the firm's Boston and Washington, D.C. offices. Christopher represents clients in state and federal courts throughout the United States and focuses on complex civil litigation in the areas of commercial disputes, financial services, insurance coverage, and construction. He has significant experience managing all stages of complex civil litigation from inception through trial.

Christopher has litigated cases involving a broad range of commercial and business-related issues, including claims of fraud, securities fraud, defamation, breach of fiduciary duty, breach of contract, and unfair business practices. He has defended banking and mortgage-lending institutions from common law claims and claims brought pursuant to state and federal statutes.

Christopher has represented corporate policyholders seeking coverage under many different types of insurance policies. His recent insurance coverage experience includes cases involving pollution liability policies, D&O policies, fidelity/commercial crime policies, professional liability policies, and property policies.

Christopher has also assisted in government and regulatory enforcement actions, as well as internal investigations across diverse variety of subject matters.

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

Christopher is an active member of the Boston legal community. Christopher is a member of the Boston Bar Association. He is a fellow of the Boston Bar Foundation (BBF) and has chaired and served on the steering committees of numerous fundraising efforts to advance the BBF's mission of helping thousands of individuals and families through pro bono programs, grants to legal services organizations. Christopher is also a member of the Tufts Lawyers Association; having most recently served as its president.

In addition, Christopher is a vice president and member of executive committee of the Tufts Alumni Council, the governing body of the Tufts University Alumni Association. In 2013, Christopher received the Young Alumni Distinguished Service Award in recognition of his service to Tufts University Alumni Association.

Christopher also serves on the firm's diversity committee and co-chairs its LGBTQ subcommittee.

EDUCATION

- J.D., Boston University School of Law, 2009 (*cum laude*) (*Sylvia Beinecke Robinson Award*)
- B.A., Tufts University, 2005 (*cum laude*) (*Tufts University Alumni Association Senior Award*)

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of District of Columbia
- Bar of Massachusetts
- Bar of New Hampshire
- Bar of Rhode Island
- Bar of Vermont
- United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts
- United States District Court for the District of New Hampshire
- United States District Court for the District of Rhode Island

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP POWERED BY HUB

- 4 March 2021, COVID-19: Massachusetts Proposed Bills Addressing Coverage for Small Businesses – A Different Approach (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 6 May 2020, COVID-19: Congress, Pennsylvania, Michigan, and South Carolina Join Other Jurisdictions Proposing Legislation Addressing Insurers' Obligations to Pay for Pandemic-Related Losses (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 6 May 2020, COVID-19: Massachusetts Joins the Five Other New England States in Temporarily Permitting Remote Notarization (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 10 April 2020, COVID-19: New England States Embrace Remote Notarization as Connecticut, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont Temporarily Eliminate "In-Person" Requirements (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 6 April 2020, COVID-19: Growing Number of U.S. States Propose Legislation Requiring Insurers to Pay for COVID-19-Related Losses Incurred by Small Companies (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 31 March 2020, COVID-19: Impact on Consumer Financial Service Providers (*Alerts/Updates*)
- 9 April 2018, District Court Finds No Violation of First Amendment in TCPA Suit Brought By Coalition of Bi-Partisan Political Organizations (*BlogPost*)
- 28 July 2017, District Court Set to Rule on Cross Motions for Summary Judgment in First Amendment Challenge to TCPA (*BlogPost*)

- 27 July 2017, District Court Set to Rule on Cross Motions for Summary Judgment in First Amendment Challenge to TCPA (*BlogPost*)
- 27 March 2017, Federal Government Not Successful in Moving to Dismiss First Amendment Challenge to TCPA (*BlogPost*)
- 24 March 2017, Federal Government Not Successful in Moving to Dismiss First Amendment Challenge to TCPA (*BlogPost*)
- 23 November 2016, Trump's Campaign to go it Alone on First Amendment Challenge to the TCPA (*BlogPost*)
- 23 November 2016, Trump's Campaign to go it Alone on the First Amendment Challenge to the TCPA (*BlogPost*)
- 7 November 2016, As Campaign Draws to a Close, Trump's First Amendment Challenge to the TCPA Continues On (*BlogPost*)
- 7 November 2016, As Campaign Draws to a Close, Trump's First Amendment Challenge to the TCPA Continues on (*BlogPost*)

NEWS & EVENTS

- 2 March 2018, K&L Gates Names 34 New Partners Across Global Platform (*Press Release*)

MEDIA MENTIONS

- Quoted, Know Your (IP) Rights, *GOLD The Business Magazine of Cypress*, 20 October, 2019

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Complex Commercial Litigation and Disputes
- Construction and Infrastructure
- Data Protection, Privacy, and Security
- Financial Institutions and Services Litigation
- Insurance Recovery and Counseling
- International Arbitration
- Investigations, Enforcement, and White Collar

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Represents global EPC contractor in multi-billion dollar ICC arbitration involving the design and construction of one of the largest refineries in Latin America.

- Represented placement agent/underwriter of municipal securities in litigation arising out of the failure of 38 Studios, LLC, a start-up videogame development company.
- Represented West Virginia University in litigation concerning WVU's departure from The Big East Conference, which ultimately resulted in a settlement that allowed WVU to becoming a member of The Big 12 Conference for the 2012-13 season.
- Represented client in malpractice and breach of contract lawsuit against former accounting and auditing firm, which resulted in a multi-million dollar jury verdict in the client's favor.
- Represented the quasi-public agency responsible for the solid waste disposal for the State of Rhode Island in connection with multiple actions against various entities arising from widespread mismanagement and abuse involving the former commissioners and executives of the agency. This representation has resulted in the recovery of in excess of \$15 million from a variety of sources, including the agency's D&O liability and commercial crime policies.
- Represented major financial institutions in multi-jurisdictional investigation relating to mortgage foreclosure practices.
- Represented large institutional investors as victims of a \$1.5 billion investment fraud scheme in parallel civil and criminal cases pending in District Court for the Southern District of New York.
- Represented indenture trustee in civil action brought by minority bondholders following going-concern sale of bond-financed continuing care retirement facility.