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Christen McGlynn is a skilled business litigator and trusted advisor who represents clients in a broad range of commercial disputes and civil litigation matters throughout the United States. Clients value her practical judgment, responsiveness, and ability to efficiently navigate complex legal challenges while remaining focused on achieving favorable and cost-effective results.

Christen's practice spans commercial litigation, employment, products liability, toxic tort, insurance, and real estate matters. She represents clients in both state and federal courts across the country, pursuing and defending claims involving breach of contract, fraud, breach of fiduciary duty, shareholder disputes, trade secret misappropriation, restrictive covenant enforcement, logistics and transportation matters, wrongful termination, discrimination and harassment claims, products liability actions, asbestos and toxic tort litigation, personal injury and premises liability claims, and landlord-tenant disputes. Her experience encompasses all phases of litigation from motion practice and discovery through depositions, mediation, and trial.

Before joining Masuda Funai, Christen practiced at a national insurance defense firm. She continues her passion for trial advocacy as a trial team coach at the University of Illinois Chicago School of Law.

## Experience

- Represented a global manufacturer of industrial equipment against a former customer’s claims for fraud, negligent misrepresentation, and breaches of implied warranties. The customer filed the case in the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California under California law, even though the parties’ terms and conditions stated that the

## Education

The University of Illinois Chicago School of Law, (f/k/a The John Marshall Law School), J.D., 2018, Dean's List; Trial Advocacy & Alternative Dispute Resolution Honors Board - Presiding Barrister; Associate Barrister of Logistics and Associate Barrister of Trial Team Management; Trial Advocacy Council Member

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, B.S., 2015; Relations of The Spread - Editor; Daily Illini - Staff Writer

## Admissions

Illinois

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois

U.S. District Court, Southern District of Illinois

U.S. District Court, Southern District of Indiana

U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan

U.S. District Court, Western District of Michigan

U.S. District Court, Western District of Wisconsin

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio

case should be brought in Illinois under Illinois law, in an attempt to avoid the enforcement of certain other contractual provisions in the parties' contract. The case was successfully transferred to the client's home forum in the Northern District of Illinois, which gave the client significant substantive and cost advantage and prevented the customer from avoiding certain contractual provisions. After significantly undercutting the opponent's claims during depositions, obtained favorable settlement consisting of a very small fraction of the amount originally demanded by the customer.

- Represented private equity firm and its principals in two lawsuits in South Carolina relating to the alleged non-payment of wages. Obtained a favorable global resolution and a dismissal of all claims.
- Secured favorable resolution for Tier 1 automotive supplier in parts supply dispute involving alleged U.S. steel import restrictions on Mexico, delayed and insufficient part deliveries, and substantial expedite costs. Through discovery, summary judgment briefing, and trial preparation, positioned the client to preserve the vast majority of its contractual offset in a favorable settlement.
- Secured Favorable Resolution of Fair Labor Standards Act Collective Action

## Memberships

- American Bar Association

## Distinctions

- Illinois *Super Lawyers* - Rising Star, 2024-2026
- Legal 500 Chicago Elite – Commercial Disputes

### Practice Areas

Litigation

Commercial, Competition & Trade

### Languages

English