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Christen McGlynn is a business litigator with experience in complex civil and commercial litigation, including the defense of professional, products and general liability matters. She handles every aspect of the litigation process from drafting motions and pleadings, to conducting e-discovery, taking depositions, and representing clients in hearings in both state and federal court. Christen is valued for her strong work ethic and her ability to assist firm principals in identifying, assessing and managing legal issues and risks associated with complex claims throughout the dispute resolution process.

Christen began her legal career as an Associate at a large insurance defense firm prior to joining Masuda Funai. She continues her passion for trial advocacy as a coach for the John Marshall trial team.

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 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



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

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

Practice Areas

Litigation

Commercial, Competition & Trade

Languages

English

Memberships

- American Bar Association

Distinctions

- Illinois *Super Lawyers* - Rising Star, 2024-2026