

Christopher W. Cahillane

Dedicated trial lawyer who takes the time to understand and help clients reach their goals.

Chris concentrates on representing clients in complex and commercial litigation and business torts, such as:

- Breach of contract
- Breach of covenants not to compete and other restrictive covenants
- Theft of trade secrets
- Defamation and corporate disparagement
- Corporate and successor liability cases
- Professional malpractice claims
- Claims of tortious interference with contractual relations
- Directors and officers liability claims
- Wrongful discharge claims

Chris also has significant experience in advising clients regarding insurance claims and insurance coverage matters, including guiding clients through the insurance claim process and representing clients in insurance coverage disputes, declaratory judgment actions, and bad faith actions.

Prior to entering law school, he served as a legislative assistant to two mid-western Members of Congress in the U.S. House of Representatives in Washington, D.C.

Representative Experience

- Representation of large, suburban school district against contractor in claim for breach of energy performance contract resulting in seven figure settlement for district.
- Representation of international manufacturer of medical equipment in claim against former sales manager for breach of restrictive covenant and theft of trade secrets resulting in injunction barring further solicitation of customers for 18 months.
- Defense of multi-level marketer of anti-aging medicines and nutritional supplements in securities fraud claim by investors resulting in dismissal of all claims.
- Representation of warehouse owner in claim against rubber membrane roofing manufacturer for premature failure of 650,000 square foot roof resulting in replacement of roof at minimal cost to owner.
- Representation of national owner of strip mall facilities in claim against rubber membrane roofing manufacture for premature failure of 250,000 square foot roof due to defective a fastening system resulting in replacement of roof at minimal cost to owner.
- Defense of large utility in claim by numerous upstream landowners alleging that stream culvert owned by utility was causing flooding to properties.

Presentations & Publications

- "Non-Compete Basics: Busting Myths about Non-Competition Agreements," presented June 2017.
- "Three Keys to an Enforceable Non-Compete Agreement," Association for Iron & Steel Technology, April 2015.
- "The Threat From Within: Monitoring Your Employees' IT Use," presented November 2008.
- "Addressing Power Quality Complaints," Transmission & Distribution World, July 2004 (co-author).



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Practice Areas

- Commercial Litigation
- Energy
- Insurance Disputes
- Manufacturing
- Privacy, Data Security & Technology
- Municipal & School

Awards + Recognition

- *Pennsylvania Rising Star by Super Lawyers®*
- *Martindale Hubbell "AV® Preeminent"*

Professional + Community Affiliations

- Allegheny County Library Association, Member/Board of Directors, 2011-2013
- Citizens Advisory Board, Allegheny Regional Asset District, Member, 2009-present
- Mt. Lebanon Public Library, Board of Trustees Member/Past President, 2006-2016, 2014-2017
- Mt. Lebanon Traffic Board, Member/Past Chairman, 2001-2006
- Ancient Order of Hibernians, Allegheny County Division 32, Member
- The Brehon Law Society, Allegheny County Chapter, Member
- Allegheny County Bar Association, Member - Civil Litigation Section

Education

- University of Pittsburgh School of Law (JD)
- George Washington University (BA)

Bar Admissions

- Pennsylvania

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania

Languages

- German