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Christine's practice focuses on high-stakes trade secrets and commercial litigation matters, and she excels in fast-paced litigation nationwide—including matters involving preliminary and expedited relief. She regularly represents clients in the tech, gaming, biotech, and professional services industries.

Her recent and notable accomplishments for such clients include:

- *DraftKings*: Winning preliminary injunction in trade secrets and restrictive covenant matter preventing former executive from working for rival in a similar role after expedited discovery and evidentiary hearing.
- *CDI*: Defeating preliminary injunction after full evidentiary hearing, and thereafter securing full summary judgment and dismissal on behalf of Churchill Downs Incorporated, in suit to overturn suspension of horse trainer following 2021 Kentucky Derby; subsequently defeating second temporary restraining order and preliminary injunction brought by owner less than one year later.
- *AMN Healthcare*: Winning preliminary injunction in restrictive covenant matter preventing former divisional vice president from soliciting clients and working for competitor in similar role after expedited discovery and evidentiary hearing.
- *Tinder*: Filing suit on behalf of a group of Tinder cofounders, early executives, and employees in multibillion-dollar litigation against Tinder's parent companies, InterActiveCorp (IAC) and Match Group, Inc.; Gibson Dunn secured \$441 million settlement after a nearly four-week jury trial.
- *Capchase*: Winning full temporary restraining order and preliminary injunction for Capchase in noncompete and trade secrets dispute with former employee.
- *Square*: After winning partial motion to exclude opposing party's key expert witness, securing favorable settlement for Square, Inc. and cofounders Jack Dorsey and James McKelvey, Jr. in bet-the-company founders' and trade secrets dispute.
- *Gyroscope*: Winning motion to compel arbitration on novel equitable estoppel theory in biotech (device) trade secrets dispute.

Christine also represents companies prosecuting and defending complex business and class action claims involving breach of contract, securities and other frauds, consumer product defects, antitrust violations, and employment issues. Some of her recent and notable achievements in these areas include:

- *Centerview Partners*: Achieving full dismissal with prejudice of federal securities fraud case on behalf of investment advisor Centerview Partners, and securing affirmance on appeal in the Fifth Circuit.
- *One Call*: Achieving voluntary dismissal by plaintiffs of class allegations after



Capabilities

Litigation
Betting and Gaming
Intellectual Property
Labor and Employment
Life Sciences
Media, Entertainment, and Technology
Technology Litigation
Trade Secrets
Trials

Credentials

Education

Harvard University - 2011 Juris Doctor
University of Michigan - 2007 Bachelor of Arts

Admissions

New York Bar
Texas Bar

Clerkships

USDC, Northern District of Texas, Hon.
David C. Godbey, 2011 - 2012

winning two motions to dismiss on behalf of One Call Management Incorporated in misclassification and wage-and-hour suit, and then securing favorable settlement of individual claims.

- *Trinity*: Securing voluntary dismissal from plaintiffs in two putative products liability class action cases against Trinity Industries after pursuing aggressive discovery and litigation strategy.
- *BNSF*: Achieving nearly unprecedented multi-district litigation (“MDL”) order creating separate MDL for more than 45 newly filed actions after successfully defeating class certification at trial and on appeal in antitrust suit against Class 1 railroads.

Christine also routinely advises clients on trade secrets policies, trainings, and best practices, and she has unique expertise working with consultants and clients to develop media strategies for public matters.

She has been repeatedly recognized by *The Best Lawyers in America*® in Commercial Litigation and as a *Super Lawyers* “Rising Star.” And *The American Lawyer* | Litigation Daily recently included her as a “Litigator of the Week” Runner Up after she helped “secure a sweeping injunction” in a trade secrets and restrictive covenant lawsuit on behalf of DraftKings.

In addition to Christine’s commercial docket, she proudly maintains an active *pro bono* practice. The New York Legal Aid Society twice awarded her its outstanding service award for her work on behalf of New Yorkers with disabilities in the aftermath of Superstorm Sandy. And she has represented individual clients charged with federal crimes as lead counsel both in trial and on appeal in federal district and circuit courts around the country.

Before joining Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, Christine served as a law clerk to the Honorable David C. Godbey, currently the Chief District Judge for the Northern District of Texas. She received her Juris Doctor in 2011 from Harvard Law School, where she was both a student attorney and on the Board of Directors as the Vice President for Practice Standards for the Harvard Legal Aid Bureau.

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