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Practice Areas:

- Business and Tort Litigation
- Construction
- Health Care
- Insurance
- Litigation and Dispute
- Medical Malpractice Defense
- Negligence and Personal Injury Claims
- Premises Liability
- Products Liability
- Professional Liability Defense

Education:

Wheaton College, B.A., 1981

University of Florida, J.D., 1984

Christopher is part of the Litigation Department and has brought a proven record of success to Rogers Towers for the past 40 years. The primary focus of his practice is the litigation and trial of civil jury and non-jury lawsuits.

Court Admissions:

- U.S. District Court, Middle, Southern and Northern District of Florida
- U.S. Court of Appeals, 11th Circuit

Bar Association Memberships:

- The Florida Bar
- Jacksonville Bar Association

Legal Certifications:

- Board Certified in Civil Trial Law, The Florida Bar

Awards & Distinctions:

- *AV Preeminent® Rating, Martindale-Hubbell*
- *Fellow, American College of Trial Lawyers*
- *Best Lawyers® Jacksonville Litigation - Insurance "Lawyer of the Year," 2020, 2024*
- *Best Lawyers® Jacksonville Litigation - Healthcare "Lawyer of the Year," 2022, 2024*
- *The Best Lawyers in America® (Commercial Litigation), 2013-2024*
- *The Best Lawyers in America® (Litigation - Insurance), 2019-2024*
- *The Best Lawyers in America® (Litigation - Healthcare), 2020-2024*
- *The Best Lawyers in America® (Arbitration), 2023-2024*
- *The Best Lawyers in America® (Medical Malpractice Law - Defendants), 2024*
- *Florida Trend Magazine, "Legal Elite," 2007-2009, 2011-2012, 2014-2015, 2018-2020, 2022*
- *Florida Super Lawyers®, (General Litigation), 2007-2022, 2025*
- *Florida Super Lawyers® "Top 100", 2017, 2019-2020*
- *Jacksonville Super Lawyers® "Top 25", 2018-2022*
- *Editorial Board, Florida Law Review*

Professional and Community Involvement:

- Member, American Board of Trial Advocates, 2007- present
- Master of Bench, The Chester Bedell Inn of Court, 2004 - present
- Chairman, Achievers for Life Partnership Council, 2009 – 2014
- Commissioner, Jacksonville Human Rights Commission, 2004-2010
- Cabinet, United Way Campaigns, 2007, 2008
- President, Jacksonville Bar Association, 1999-2000
- President, Jacksonville Area Legal Aid, Inc., 1993
- President, Christian Legal Society of Jacksonville, 2006
- Member, Leadership Jacksonville Class of 2000
- Board Member, San Jose Country Club, 2014-2016
- Teacher, Thursday Bible Forum

Representative Matters:

- Lead trial counsel representing professional golf tour in defense of wage/hour claims asserted by tour rules officials. *Mutch, et al v. PGA TOUR, Inc.*, Case No.: 3:04-cv-97-J-25TEM, U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida.
- Lead trial counsel representing apartment complex in defense of negligent security claim arising out of shooting death in parking lot. *Young v. Vestcor Fund XIV, Ltd*, Case No. 2011-CA-270, 4th Judicial Circuit, Duval County, Florida.
- Co-trial counsel representing large health system in defense of allegations of medical negligence. *St. Clair v Mayo Clinic Jacksonville, et al*, Case No: 16-2019-CA-00897, 4th Judicial Circuit, Duval County, Florida.

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- Lead trial counsel representing contractor/engineer in defense of highway death claims. Lytle, et al v. Russell Engineering, Inc., et al, Case No.:01-2005-CA-1775, 8th Judicial Circuit, Alachua County, Florida.
- Lead trial counsel representing trucking company in claims arising out of re-surfacing of terminal facility. Southern Pavements, LLC. V. Great Southern Peterbilt, Inc., et al, Case No. 16-2004-CA-7841, 4th Judicial Circuit, Duval County, Florida.
- Lead litigation counsel in products liability claim on behalf of police officer against manufacturer of Electronic Control Device. Reston v. Taser Int'l, Inc., et al, Case No. 16-2009-CA-6223, 4th Judicial Circuit, Duval County, Florida.
- Lead trial counsel in representation of large hotelier in state discrimination claim. Mahoney v. Maryland Hospitality, Inc., Case No. 3904, Court of Common Pleas, Trial Division, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- Lead litigation counsel in thrift bailout litigation involving professional negligence claims against international accounting firm. Resolution Trust Corporation v. Peat Marwick Main & Co., In The Circuit Court, Fourth Judicial Circuit, In And For Duval County, Florida, Case No. 89-08548-CA; Division CV-L.
- Lead litigation counsel representing shopping center owner in hazard insurance claims against large insurers arising out of destruction of shopping center by sinkhole. Shanri Holdings Corp, Inc. v. Travelers Property Insurance Corp., et al, Case No.: 3:06-cv-537-J-TEM, U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida.
- Lead trial counsel representing large airport concessionaire in defense of federal employment claims. Perry v . Host Marriott Corporation, et al, Case No.: 96-1190-cv-J-20, U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida.