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Chris Lawrence is an associate in the Business Trial Practice Group in the firm's Orange County office.

Areas of Practice

Chris represents clients in a variety of commercial and business litigation matters, including business torts/contracts, real estate litigation, and eminent domain.

Chris provides comprehensive litigation services for every stage of the litigation, including pre-lawsuit advisement and negotiation, discovery, law and motion, settlement, mediation and pre-trial preparation.

Chris is a committed *pro bono* attorney. He regularly represents parents in adoption proceedings and consistently volunteers at the Federal Pro Se Clinic in Santa Ana, California, providing legal advice to individuals representing themselves in federal civil actions. In addition, Chris has significant experience representing veterans and their families seeking benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs. Before joining Sheppard Mullin, Chris served on Active Duty in the U.S. Navy Submarine Force.

Honors

"Bob Gerber Pro Bono Award," 2023

Practices

Litigation

Industries

Cannabis

Education

J.D., University of California, Irvine School of Law, 2021, *magna cum laude*, *Pro Bono High Honors*; *Staff Editor, UC Irvine Law Review*; *Staff Editor UC Irvine Journal of International, Transnational, and Comparative Law*; Finalist in the UC Irvine Moot Court Competition.

B.S., Arizona State University, 2015, *summa cum laude*

Clerkships

During law school, Chris served as an extern to the Honorable Otis D. Wright II of the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California.

Admissions

California

U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims