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Biography

Chris Giovinazzo represents plaintiffs and defendants in high-stakes disputes across a wide range of industries, including health care, technology, and financial services. He has extensive experience managing complex contract litigation, intellectual property cases, and corporate fiduciary duty/governance disputes. Chris regularly serves as lead trial and appellate counsel in multi-million-dollar matters.

He represents both employees and employers on issues involving executive severance, non-compete and non-disclosure agreements, trade secrets, and discrimination claims, and defends law and accounting firms in professional liability cases.

Chris has a strong background in environmental law, having represented numerous clients in environmental regulatory and litigation matters. He spent three years as a consultant to local governments on environmental, energy, and land-use policies and was the editor-in-chief of the Harvard Environmental Law Review.

Chris serves as Bondurant’s general counsel.

Representative Matters

- Lead counsel in an enterprise software dispute, securing an $11 million federal jury verdict in the Northern District of Georgia, exactly matching the sought damages.
- Lead counsel in a business fraud arbitration, resulting in a $5 million arbitration award for the client.
- Lead counsel for chemical manufacturer in suit for tens of millions of dollars against former executives for fiduciary duty breaches, fraud, and RICO violations.
- Lead appellate counsel in a breach-of-contract case for a nursing home operator, successfully overturning a $12 million judgment.
- Represented an international medical products developer in a patent lawsuit, successfully protecting patents for a novel filtration device.
- Successfully defended a plastics and medical products manufacturer and its senior executives against claims of trade secrets misappropriation and breach of confidentiality.
- Defended a prominent Atlanta law firm in a malpractice action alleging over $100 million in damages, successfully filing a Daubert motion that excluded the plaintiff’s damages expert analysis and facilitated a favorable resolution.
- Represented a finance executive in successfully voiding non-compete terms in an employment agreement.
- Represented a senior university leader in a wrongful termination case under Georgia’s Whistleblower Statute, securing a settlement that included full relief, lost wages, and attorneys' fees.
- Successfully defended against multi-million dollar claims for unpaid commissions by a former sales rep of a foreign exchange trading company.
- Regular representations of financial services and other companies seeking to enforce (or avoid enforcement of) employment-related restricted covenants.
- Represented a Fortune-50 healthcare provider defending a major False Claims Act/whistleblower lawsuit.
- Lead counsel in a high-stakes, expert-heavy domestic dispute, securing a favorable ruling from the DeKalb County court, despite adverse testimony from the court’s appointed neutral expert, after an eight-day bench trial.
- Litigated before the Georgia Public Service Commission and the Georgia Supreme Court in support of citizen groups challenging Georgia Power Company’s process for selecting sites for electrical substations.
- Represented a class of approximately 2,000 property owners in a nuisance and trespass action against an animal waste facility, involving the EPA, the Georgia Department of Agriculture, and the Georgia Environmental Protection Division.

Professional Activities

- Emory University School of Law, Adjunct Professor, 2018-2023
- Harvard Law School, Trial Advocacy Workshop Instructor, 2021

Honors & Awards

- Georgia Super Lawyer, 2022 - 2026
- Georgia Rising Star, 2010 - 2015

Credentials

Education

- Harvard Law School, J.D., 2004; Cum Laude
    - Editor-in-Chief, Harvard Environmental Law Review
- Yale University, B.A., 1997, Cum Laude

Previous Experience

- Law Clerk, Judge Frank Mays Hull, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, 2005-2006
- Law Clerk, Judge Orinda Evans, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, 2004-2005
- International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives

Admissions

- State Bar of Georgia
- Supreme Court of Georgia
- Georgia Court of Appeals
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia