



Christopher Riley

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“I strive to provide effective advocacy by learning the ins and outs of client’s businesses, the industries in which they operate, and their people and organizational missions. I believe in approaching complex problems collaboratively to identify the most pragmatic way to resolve legal disputes.”

Christopher Riley represents clients in a variety of complex litigation matters. He assists with all stages of litigation, from conducting research, preparing memoranda, and drafting briefs to trial support.

As a member of Miller Nash’s international and maritime teams, Chris has supported efforts to enforce foreign arbitral awards in United States courts, to foreclose on preferred maritime mortgages, to arrest and attach vessels, and to litigate maritime contract and tort claims.

Before joining Miller Nash, Chris gained valuable trial and appellate experience as a judicial law clerk for the Honorable Gabrielle R. Wolohojian at the Massachusetts Appeals Court (2020-21) and the Honorable Karin J. Immergut at the United States District Court for the District of Oregon (2021-22). During his clerkships he prepared trial materials for federal civil and criminal trials; drafted opinions and orders for motion practice in federal court; drafted state appellate decision; and attended oral arguments and trials.

Professional Activities

- Multnomah Bar Association, Member
- Oregon State Bar, Member
- Federal Bar Association, Member

Publications

- “EPA Issues Drinking Water Standard for Six PFAS,” Miller Nash, *From the Ground Up*, coauthor (April 2023)

Personal Activities

A relative newcomer to the Pacific Northwest, Chris enjoys exploring the Portland metro area with his wife and dog to find the best restaurants, dog parks, and hikes. He is a Boston sports fan and has not missed a New England Patriots game in over a decade.

Education

J.D., University of California, Berkeley, School of Law, 2020

- Supervising Editor, *California Law Review*
- Supervising Editor, *Berkeley Journal of Criminal Law*
- Research Assistant to Professor David B. Oppenheimer

B.A., Harvard University, *cum laude*, English, 2017

- Editor, *The Harvard Crimson*
- Student Ambassador, *Harvard Advanced Leadership Initiative*

Bar Admissions

Montana, 2023
 Arizona, 2023
 Washington, 2023
 Oregon, 2021

Court Admissions

U.S. District Court, Western District of Washington, 2025