



Carrie L. Christie

Trial and appellate practice focusing on the restaurant/food service, retail/wholesale, construction, aviation, religious entity, and energy industries. Serves as trial counsel for national restaurant/food service companies, major domestic and international U.S. airlines, national construction contractors, as well as insurance carriers, both primary and excess.

Representative Experience:

- Serves as consulting and trial counsel to some of the world's leading and most-loved brands; handling catastrophic injury and death resulting from dram shop/premises/security/construction liability; false imprisonment; food borne illness; commercial contracts; employment and workers' compensation matters
- Defends major domestic and international U.S. airlines, handling Warsaw and Montreal Conventions; contractual indemnity; premises liability; product liability; property damage to aircraft and airport facilities; and subrogation and recovery litigation
- Litigates numerous complex and catastrophic injury cases including multiple deaths, quadriplegia, amputations, loss of organs and severe brain injury
- Represents national and regional construction and construction management companies in catastrophic injury, construction defect, and environmental claims
- Defends environmental and toxic tort litigation under both state and federal claims
- Represents power, mining/mineral processing, oil/gas/chemical, renewable energy, water and wastewater, and marine companies in claims for breach of contract
- Represents religious entities on a variety of issues ranging from First Amendment protection, misconduct by clergy and staff, premises liability and catastrophic injury
- Represents clients in federal court on UCC grounds for claims of defective and non-conforming products, breach of contract, breach of warranty, negligence, fraud and bad faith

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Practice Areas
ADA
Aviation
Premises Liability
Dram Shop
Employment
Church Liability
Construction
Construction Defect
Environmental
Toxic Tort
Workers' Compensation

Education
B.S.W., *cum laude*, University of Georgia, 1982

J.D., Georgia State University
College of Law, 1989

Law Review, Georgia State
University College of Law, 1987-
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Publications and Presentations:

Ms. Christie is a frequent national speaker, training consultant and contributor to industry publications on the topics of industry best practices, trial practice, discovery, e-discovery, and industry emergency management of and response to catastrophic claims. Recent presentations include:

- "#MeToo," 2018 Restaurant Risk Management Summit, Pizza Hut Headquarters, Plano, TX, May 2018
- "*Electronic Evidence and Social Media: Understanding Social Media and Its Impact on the Judiciary*," Council of Juvenile Court Judges, Institute of Continuing Judicial Education, King & Prince Resort, St. Simons Island, Georgia, May 2018
- "*Electronic Evidence and Social Media: Understanding Social Media and Its Impact on the Judiciary*," Council of Municipal Court Judges, Institute of Continuing Judicial Education, Savannah, Georgia, June 2018
- "*Electronic Evidence and Social Media: Understanding Social Media and Its Impact on the Judiciary*," Council of Superior Court Judges, Institute of Continuing Judicial Education, King & Prince Resort, St. Simons Island, Georgia, July 2017
- "*Defending Dram Shop Claims*," Restaurant Risk Management Summit, Louisville, Kentucky, June 2017
- "*Franchisors-Navigating The Murky Waters of Franchisee Risks*," RIMS National Conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, April 2017
- "*Best Practices for Managing Brand Killing Claims*," Zaxby's/Liberty Mutual Insurance Team Conference, Duluth, Georgia, March 2017
- "*If You Build It, They Will Sue: Defending Construction Claims Presented as Personal Injury Suits*," McDonald's Tort Litigation Practice Group Claims & Litigation Workshop, Chicago, Illinois, October 2016
- "*Annie Get Your Gun...Employment and Corporate Responsibility Weapons Policies*," Restaurant Risk Management Summit, Atlanta, August 2016
- "*Being An American Icon: Hooters' Responsible Alcohol Service*," 2016 Hooters National Convention, Las Vegas, July 2016
- "*Bridging The Divide: Plaintiff And Defense Counsel, Ethics, Civility, and Mediation Summit*," American Bar Association Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section, Atlanta, May 2016
- "*Phillips v. Harmon—The Tip Of The ESI Iceberg?*" 2016 Atlanta RIMS Educational Conference, February 2016
- "*Giving A Case Winning Closing*," and "*How To Cross Examine an Expert*," Georgia Defense Lawyers

	<p>Association Trial Academy, Callaway Gardens, January, 2016</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>"Managing A National Practice: Don't Get Home-Cooked,"</i> Institute of Continuing Education in Georgia, Atlanta Bar Association, Atlanta, GA, July 2015 • <i>"What's On The Menu For Restaurant Risk Management Claims?"</i> Georgia Defense Lawyers' Association Annual Meeting, Hammock Beach, FL, June 2015 • <i>"Coffee Burns, Construction Claims, and Wet Floor Injuries—How To Prepare Against And Win The Most Common Claims In The Restaurant Industry,"</i> Chick-fil-A, Inc.'s Spring Risk Management Conference, Atlanta, April, 2015 • <i>"When Bad Stuff Happens: Best Practices For Managing Potentially Brand Killing Events,"</i> RIMS National Conference, New Orleans, LA, April, 2015 • <i>"Giving A Case Winning Closing,"</i> and <i>"How To Cross Examine an Expert,"</i> Georgia Defense Lawyers Association Trial Academy, Callaway Gardens, January, 2015 • <i>"When Bad Stuff Happens: Best Practices For Managing Potentially Brand Killing Events,"</i> Marsh & McLennan Marsh Madness, Louisville, KY, March, 2015 • <i>"Social Media: Investigations and Admissibility"</i> Atlanta Bar Association, December, 2014 • <i>"How Will the Affordable Care Act Affect Injured Elderly and Disabled Clients?"</i> National Business Institute, Atlanta, GA, November, 2014 • <i>"Ethical Considerations for Personal Injury Attorneys In Relation to the Affordable Care Act,"</i> National Business Institute, Atlanta, November, 2014 • <i>"Best Practices for Managing Brand Killing Claims,"</i> Marsh National Retail/Wholesale Roundtable, Dallas, TX, September, 2014 • <i>"When Bad Stuff Happens: Best Practices In Handling Brand Killing Claims,"</i> Restaurant Risk Management Summit, New Albany, OH, June 2014 • <i>"Maneuvering Through Big Water: A Guide's Advice To Prepare For, And Survive, Litigation Rapids,"</i> Krispy Kreme Doughnut Corporation's GM Summit, Charlotte, NC, May, 2014 • <i>"Eat, Pray, Love-- A Risk Manager's Search for Best Practices Across the Food Industry,"</i> Foodservice Industry Risk Management Association East Coast Fall Conference, Atlanta, GA, September, 2013 • <i>"Risk Management Speed Dating: Interactive Insight into What Your Peers are Doing to Reduce Risk, Cut Cost and Increase Safety!,"</i> Foodservice Industry Risk Management Association East Coast Spring Conference, Louisville, KY, May, 2013 • <i>"Don't be an (April) Fool: Handling Spoliation Issues Properly,"</i> Georgia Defense Lawyer Association
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(GDLA), Atlanta, GA, April, 2013

- *"Millennials & Social Media: The New 'Water Cooler,'" National Retail & Restaurant Defense Association Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA, February, 2013*
- *"Food Allergies and Contamination Claims," Arby's General Liability Training, Atlanta, GA, October, 2012*
- *"Social Media: Employees Behaving Badly", Marsh USA's Restaurant Roundtable, Louisville, KY, August, 2012*
- *"In Store Surveillance: Benefits of Safety/Security/Theft Prevention v. Risk of Spoliation", Marsh USA's Restaurant Roundtable, Louisville, LA, August, 2012*
- *"Social Media II: Surfing the Web: Investigations and Admissibility", Marsh USA's Restaurant Roundtable, Louisville, KY, August, 2012*
- *"Learning Corporate Culture and Team Building Strategies," Arby's General Liability Training, Atlanta, GA, June 2012*
- *"Best Practices: Early Preservation of Evidence, E-Discovery and Avoiding Spoliation," Arby's General Liability Training, Atlanta, GA, April, 2012*
- *"Premises Liability," Arby's General Liability Training, Atlanta, GA, March, 2012*
- *"Fight Club or Love Triangle: Pros and Cons of Self-Administration v TPAs," National Retail & Restaurant Defense Association Annual Conference, San Diego, CA, February, 2012*
- *"Don't Be Atwitter About Social Media in the Workplace," National Restaurant Association, Risk & Safety Managers Winter Conference, Las Vegas, NV, February, 2012*
- *"Risk Management: Avoiding Crashes & Staying on Track," GM Summit, Krispy Kreme Doughnut Corporation, GM Summit, Charlotte, NC, September, 2011*
- *"Reputational Crisis: Anticipating the Unexpected," Marsh USA's Restaurant Roundtable, Louisville, KY, August, 2011*
- *"Best Practices: Early Preservation of Evidence, E-Discovery and Avoiding Spoliation" and "Chain of Custody Procedures," Marsh USA's Restaurant Roundtable, April, 2011*
- *"Court of Appeals Enforces Protections in Favor of Owner and Project Management Company," The Georgia Contractor, January/February 2011*
- *"Employers' Obligations Under the ADA and EEOC in the Hiring Process," The Georgia Contractor, November/December 2010*
- *"Did the General Assembly Do Enough to Control Explosive Growth in Georgia," The Georgia Contractor, September/October 2010*
- *"Team Strategies to Avoid or Reduce Litigation Costs," Marsh USA's Restaurant Roundtable, August, 2010*
- *"Are You Owed Coverage by Your Insurer if it Undertakes Your Defense but Later Disclaims Coverage?" The Georgia Contractor, July/August,*

2010

- "Food Allergies & Contamination Claims" and "Premises Liability Overview," Marsh USA's Restaurant Roundtable, March, 2010
- "Spoliation: When the Loss of Evidence Can Cause Real Heartburn!" National Retail & Restaurant Defense Association e-Newsletter, March, 2010
- "The Scary New Medicare Reporting Requirements of 2009," Marsh Restaurant Roundtable, October, 2009
- "Supreme Court Upholds Acceptance Doctrine, Impacts Contractors' Liability," Commercial Building Savvy, September/October, 2009
- "Supreme Court Narrowly Upholds Historic Acceptance Doctrine," Georgia Defense Lawyer, Summer, 2009
- "Legislature Overhauls Transportation Oversight: Strips DOT Power; Fails to Pass Funding Measure," The Georgia Contractor, July/August, 2009
- "Supreme Court Upholds Doctrine Favorably Impacting Contractors' Liability," The Georgia Contractor, March/April, 2009
- "Spoliation Claims," Marsh USA's Restaurant Roundtable, February, 2009

Admissions to Practice:

- Georgia State and Superior Courts
- Georgia Court of Appeals and Supreme Court
- U.S. District Court, Northern and Middle Districts
- Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals

Professional Memberships and Affiliations:

- Board of Visitors, Georgia State University College of Law
- 2017-2019 Chair, Faculty Member, Georgia Defense Lawyers Association Trial Academy
- Women's Business Enterprise (WBE) Certified
- National Association of Minority and Women Owned Law Firm (NAMWOLF)
- National Retail & Restaurant Defense Association (NRRDA) –Annual Conference Planning Committee
- Women's Foodservice Forum
- Global Alliance of Hospitality Lawyers
- Georgia Association For Women Lawyers (GAWL)
- Georgia Defense Lawyers Association
- Foodservice Industry Risk Management Association (FIRMA)
- Council on Litigation Management
- Defense Research Institute
- Lawyers Club of Atlanta
- Georgia Self Insurers Association, Inc. (GSIA)
- Georgia Highway Contractors Association

Representative Cases:

- *Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church v. Southern Mut. Church Ins. Co.*, USDC, Middle Dist., LEXIS 177627 (2013)
- *Kinzinger-Lignon v. Delta Airlines, Inc.*, USDC, Northern Dist, LEXIS 66803, (2012)
- *Bragg v. Oxford Construction Co.*, 285 Ga. 98, 674 S.E.2d 268 (2009); 289 Ga. App. 638, 658 S.E.2d 198 (2008)
- *Kitchen v. Humphrey*, USDC, Middle Dist., LEXIS 15128 (2006)
- *Keh v. Americus-Sumter County Hosp. Auth.*, 1:03-cv-68-2, USDC, Middle Dist., LEXIS 15668 (2006)
- *Ogles v. E.A. Mann & Co., Inc.*, 277 Ga. App. 22, 625 S.E.2d 425 (2005)
- *Gay v. Georgia Department of Corrections*, 270 Ga. App. 17, 606 S.E.2d 53 (2004)
- *Cannon v. Wesley Plantation Apts.*, 256 Ga. App. 244; 568 S.E.2d 137 (2002)
- *Saint Mary Of Egypt Orthodox Church of America v. Townsend*, 243 Ga. App. 188, 532 S.E.2d 731 (2000)
- *Levine v. Choi*, 240 Ga. App. 384, 522 S.E.2d 673 (1999), Reconsideration Denied
- *Champion Management Ass'n, Inc. v. McGahee*, 227 Ga. App. 895, 490 S.E.2d 215 (1997)
- *McEver v. Worrell Enterprises*, 223 Ga. App. 627, 478 S.E.2d 445 (1996)
- *Freeman v. Continental Baking Co.*, 212 Ga. App. 855, 443 S.E.2d 520 (1994)
- *Cheeley v. Henderson*, 201 Ga. App. 786; 413 S.E.2d 266 (1991)