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Christi A. Lawson maintains a broad-based consumer financial services practice. She has substantial experience counseling commercial and consumer lenders (banks and non-banks), servicers, consumer reporting agencies, loan brokers, and money transmitters regarding compliance with federal and state consumer lending laws, including the Truth in Lending Act, the Fair Credit Reporting Act, the Fair Credit Billing Act, “fair lending,” the Electronic Funds Transfer Act, the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act, the Home Mortgage Disclosure Act, federal and state unfair trade practice and consumer protection laws, and state licensing requirements. In addition, Christi assists clients with drafting lending documents, legal disclosures, and compliance policies and procedures. Christi’s work with consumer reporting agencies focuses on the resellers and background screening companies and the unique legal and regulatory issues that those companies face.

A member of the firm’s Innovative Technology Sector and Blockchain & Digital Assets Group, Christi provides consumer finance and general consumer protection counseling for businesses desiring to leverage artificial intelligence in their lending, as well as those businesses using tokenization and cryptocurrency. Her counsel increasingly addresses emerging areas such as crypto exchange, digital assets, digital asset kiosks / ATMs, digital securities, digital wallet. She also advises on cutting-edge issues involving fintech, smart contract, tokenized assets / tokenized funds, tokens / tokenization, traditional finance / TradFi.

She is also a member of the Firm’s Hospitality & Leisure Industry Team and provides consumer finance and general compliance counseling for vacation ownership projects.

Christi also has first chair experience representing Fortune 100 companies in complex litigation. She handles all aspects of litigation and regulatory enforcement actions and prepares briefs for matters before appellate courts throughout the United States, including the United States Court of Appeals for the various Circuits, and the United States Supreme Court. Christi has substantial experience representing clients regarding the enforcement and defense of non-competition and non-solicitation agreements as well as trade secret

enforcement. She is a member of the firm's Litigation Department, the Consumer Financial Services and Privacy, Security & Information Management Practices, as well as the Trade Secret/Noncompete Practice.

Christi is an adjunct professor for the Florida State University College of Law, where she has taught regulatory compliance and financial privacy for the Juris Doctorate and Juris Master's programs.

Her professional experience includes experience as a tax and audit accountant for the Florida Department of Transportation, working in the accounts receivable and joint participation agreements sections. In law school, Christi was selected for a judicial clerkship with Chief Justice Charles T. Wells of the Florida Supreme Court.

Christi also serves her community as a member of the Board of Directors for the New Image Youth Center in Orlando, and Co-Chair of the Governing Board for the Athena PowerLink®-Orlando.

Awards and Recognition

- Recognized as a *Thomson Reuters* Stand-out Lawyer after being nominated as an outstanding lawyer by her clients as part of *Thomson Reuters'* global research with in-house counsel (2023, 2025).
- Selected by her peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*® in the field of Litigation — Securities (2022-2024).
- Selected for inclusion in *Florida Super Lawyers — Rising Stars*® (2009-2015).
- Selected for inclusion in *Florida Trend's* Florida Legal Elite™ list (2017).
- Received the ABA Military Pro Bono Project Outstanding Services Award in recognition of the pro bono services she provides to junior-enlisted, active-duty servicemembers (2012).

Affiliations

- Orange County Bar Association
- Florida Bar Association
- American Bar Association

Community Involvement

Christi continues to be active in her community. She is currently co-chair for the governing board for Orlando's chapter of ATHENA PowerLink®, a member of the board of directors of The New Image Youth Center, which aims to improve the lives of inner-city youth by providing an environment where students feel safe to dream, and currently serves as a Trustee and Deacon for her church. Christi also served two terms as chairman of the City of Orlando's Civil Service Board.

Sectors

- [Blockchain & Digital Assets](#)
- [Innovative Technology](#)
- [Payments Technology](#)
- [Racial Justice & Equity](#)

Practice Areas

- [Commercial Litigation](#)
- [Finance](#)
- [Financial Institutions](#)
- [Labor & Employment](#)
- [Litigation](#)
- [Privacy, Security & Information Management](#)

Education

- Florida State University College of Law (J.D., magna cum laude, 2001)
 - Order of the Coif
- Florida State University (B.A., cum laude, 1996)
 - Political science, with an emphasis on Middle Eastern relations with a minor in history

Admissions

- Florida
- U.S. District Courts for the Northern, Middle, and Southern Districts of Florida, Eastern District of Michigan, and District of Colorado
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth, Eleventh and D.C. Circuits
- U.S. Supreme Court