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Christina Kennedy is a partner and litigation attorney in Foley & Lardner LLP's Orlando office. Christina's practice focuses on representing clients throughout the United States in high-stakes business and complex commercial litigation, including the defense of class actions, primarily in the healthcare, financial services, retail and manufacturing industries. Christina is a member of the firm's Commercial Litigation, Consumer Law, Finance & Class Action and Labor & Employment Practices and the firm's Healthcare Industry team.

Representative Experience

Christina has extensive first-chair experience litigating disputes from inception through trial and appeals, with a particular emphasis on the defense of complex commercial class actions. Christina also has experience litigating healthcare disputes in all aspects of the healthcare industry, including the defense of securities class actions, the defense of consumer class actions involving various healthcare industry participants, the defense of payors and claims administrators against various lawsuits involving ERISA or other state law claims, the defense of commercial claims and the defense of labor and employment claims.

Awards and Recognition

Christina was selected as a winner of the *Orlando Business Journal's* 2019 40 under 40 award. Christina was also selected for inclusion on the 2017 *Florida Trend* Legal Elite "Up and Comer" list for her work in commercial litigation.

Community Involvement

In addition to her commitment to pro bono legal services, Christina is a member of the Board of Directors for the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Florida Inc. In this role, Christina leads the firm's statewide relationship with the charity for pro bono legal services and volunteerism. Christina is also a member of Leadership Orlando – Class 98.

Presentations and Publications

Christina is a frequent author and speaker, and currently serves as one of the editors of the firm's *Consumer Class Defense Counsel* blog.

Sectors

- Health Care & Life Sciences
- Hospitality & Leisure
- Racial Justice & Equity

Practice Areas

- ADA & FMLA Compliance
- Commercial Litigation
- Consumer Law, Finance & Class Action Group
- Discrimination, Harassment & Retaliation
- Distribution & Franchise
- Financial Institutions
- Labor & Employment
- Labor & Employment Class Actions
- Litigation
- Union/Employer Matters

Education

- University of Miami School of Law (J.D., magna cum laude, 2008)
 - Elected to Order of the Coif
 - Senior Articles Editor, *University of Miami Law Review*
 - Vice President, Honor Council
 - Member, Center for Ethics and Public Service – Elder Law Project
 - Research assistant to a professor specializing in labor and employment law
 - Kenny Nachwalter Scholar and a recipient of numerous merit scholarships, including the Deans' Merit and the Gail and Joseph Serota scholarships
 - Participated in the litigation skills program where she was awarded "honors" in both pretrial and trial skills courses
- Wake Forest University (B.A., cum laude, 2005)
 - Political Science
 - Environmental and International studies

Admissions

- Florida
- U.S. District Courts for the Northern, Middle and Southern Districts of Florida
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth and Eleventh Circuits