



Christopher D. “Chris” Poole

Of Counsel



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I bring extensive litigation experience and a dedication to advocating for my clients with tenacity, diligence, and pragmatism for the best possible outcomes.

With over 25 years of experience as a federal and state prosecutor, Chris Poole focuses his practice on criminal defense, including white-collar cases, family law, and general civil litigation. He advises corporate clients and individuals on potential criminal liability and educates them on defense strategies, drawing from his extensive trial experience in state and federal courts, including numerous jury trials and arguments before the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals. In addition, Chris represents health care providers in qui tam litigation, white collar criminal defense, payment and licensing disputes, and fraud and abuse litigation. Before joining Chambliss, Chris held a senior position at the United States Attorney’s Office in the Eastern District of Tennessee. As a federal prosecutor and leader within the Department of Justice, he managed a diverse range of cases, including those involving elected officials, corporations, international criminals, and cybercrime. Drawing on this vast experience, Chris now applies his courtroom knowledge to advocate for clients in civil litigation, family law, and criminal defense.

Clients value Chris’ assertive yet practical and results-oriented approach, which is tailored to achieving optimal outcomes in even the most challenging legal scenarios. With Chris by their side, clients can trust his unwavering commitment to providing diligent representation and timely guidance will ensure their legal needs are met with skillfulness and professionalism.

Experience

Representation of criminal defendants in federal and state courts

Representation of spouses in bringing and defending divorce and child custody matters

Services

- Commercial Litigation
- Estate and Trust Litigation
- Family Law
- Fraud, Compliance, & Reimbursement
- Health Care
- Health Care Litigation
- Litigation and Risk Management
- Personal Injury

Industries

- Health Care
- Individuals, Families, Estates, and Trusts
- Municipal and Government

Admissions

- Georgia
- Tennessee
- Eastern District of Tennessee
- U.S. Court of Appeals Sixth Circuit

Education

- J.D., Georgia State University School of Law, 1997
- B.A., Wake Forest University, 1994

Representation of individuals and businesses in breach of contract disputes

Associations

Bar Associations

- Chattanooga Bar Association
- Federal Bar Association

Noteworthy

- Appointed to United States Magistrate Judge Merit Selection Panel, 2024
- Voted the recipient of the American Inns of Court, Brock-Cooper Chapter, Civility Award by the Hamilton County (TN) federal and state judiciary (2022)
- Exceptional Service Award from the National Association of Former United States Attorneys, 2014
- Executive Office of the United States Attorney's Director's Award for Superior Performance, 2009

Community

- Named to NAACP Committee to Recommend New Chattanooga Police Chief (2017)

Sidebar

Outside of the office, Chris enjoys exercising and is an avid sports and live music fan. He and his family love to travel or just hang out at the house and watch movies. Speaking of movies, he and his college roommate write movie scripts together and have sold several comedies to Hollywood, including their first script, which was bought by Matthew McConaughey.