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OVERVIEW

Cristina is a civil litigation attorney concentrating her practice in professional liability, product liability, and environmental & toxic tort.

Before joining GRSM, Cristina gained experience in product liability, where she handled complex discovery matters and worked as national discovery counsel for one of the largest automakers in the United States. Her experience as national discovery counsel allowed her to partner with in-house and trial counsel in state and federal jurisdictions throughout the United States to defend the client by managing discovery responses, including written discovery, discovery dispute resolution, and protecting confidential information used throughout discovery and at trial. She also represented large corporations in toxic tort litigation.

She also focused her practice on professional liability, including medical negligence, where she represented health care networks, physicians, and nurses throughout the litigation process.

During law school, Cristina practiced as a law clerk with the Medical Prosecutions Unit of the Illinois

Department of Financial and Professional Regulation where she gained extensive experience in the regulation of physician licenses. She served as President of the Appellate Moot Court Society and was an active member of the Mary and Michael Jaharis Health Law Institute. She also served as the Managing and Business Editor of the *DePaul Journal of Health Care Law*.

PUBLICATIONS

- *To Cover or Not To Cover? The Relationship Between the Apple Watch and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act*, 18 DePaul J. Health Care L. 159, 2016

CREDENTIALS

Admissions

- Illinois
- U.S. District Court, Northern and Central Districts of Illinois

Memberships

- Illinois State Bar Association
- Chicago Bar Association

Education

- J.D., Certificate in Health Law, DePaul University College of Law, 2017
 - CALI Award, Excellence in Legal Analysis Research and Communication III
 - Order of the Barristers
- B.A., Communication Studies, Spanish, University of San Diego, 2008
 - Minor in Business Administration

Honors

- *Super Lawyers*® Rising Stars distinction in Civil Litigation (2023)
- *Best Lawyers in America*® Ones to Watch distinction in Personal Injury Litigation – Defendants (2024-2025), Product Liability Litigation – Defendants (2024-2025)

Languages

- Spanish