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Overview

With business smarts, deal savvy, regulatory knowledge and industry insight, Chris negotiates, structures, drafts and closes business-critical transactions and resolves regulatory and corporate issues for healthcare sector clients.

Chris conducts deal due diligence and represents physicians and other healthcare providers, as well as physician groups and hospitals, in practice mergers, acquisitions, joint ventures, employment contracts, financing transactions, supplier agreements and various other transactions.

He helps clients secure and retain state and federal licenses, avoid regulatory missteps, including issues related to compliance with the Anti-Kickback Statute and Stark Law and prohibitions on the corporate practice of medicine, and address managed care and market access matters. Clients also rely on Chris for guidance on the Physician Payments Sunshine Act, issues and provisions under Medicare, Medicaid, the 340B Drug Pricing Program, the Affordable Care Act (ACA), HIPAA and HiTech compliance, and health information privacy, security and data breach related issues.

Chris represents healthcare entities in a wide variety of fields, including dialysis and nephrology, physical therapy, skilled nursing, hospital settings, dermatology, ambulatory surgery, orthopedics, home health, behavioral health, ophthalmology/optometry, dentistry, women's health, telemedicine and veterinary medicine. His clients also include pharmacies, medical device manufacturers, durable medical equipment suppliers, clinical laboratories, healthcare professional societies and trade associations and health IT companies.

Clients benefit from Chris's ability to formulate strategies and solutions to even the most complex problems. He finds ways to accomplish their goals without running afoul of legal or regulatory restrictions, incorporating flexibility to allow for pivots should the need arise.

Actively engaged daily in the healthcare industry, Chris, along with other Benesch healthcare lawyers, conducts an annual industry-focused Dialysis and Nephrology Conference focused on trends, issues, legal and regulatory developments and strategies.

Before attending law school, Chris worked as a consultant at Cerner Corporation, a global supplier of health information technology solutions. In that role, he worked closely with those in the healthcare sector, evaluating their IT systems and customizing them to meet their specific needs. This experience gave Chris a clear understanding of the challenges, risks and benefits of electronic document retention systems. Now he applies that knowledge to help limit their risk exposure.

Representative Matters

- Represented Preferred Vascular Group (PVG) in its acquisition by Surgery Partners (NASDAQ: SGRY), expanding access to high-quality vascular care and outpatient solutions for dialysis patients.
- Lead Counsel representing a nephrology centered value based care company in the sale of 51% ownership to a large regional healthcare system. The strategic partnership intends to grow the value based care services it offers patients and payors in the region.
- Represented a primary care group in the business formation of a management support organization to physician practices in New York and other states with a focus on physician extenders and telemedicine in long term care facilities and to enhance EBITDA for a future capital event. Handled all aspects of structuring, diligence and execution of all arrangements and ongoing post-closing integration and regulatory matters.

Credentials

EDUCATION

- University of Illinois College of Law, 2016, J.D., *summa cum laude*
  - Production Editor, Journal of Law, Technology, and Policy
  - President and Founding Member, Health and Elder Law Society
- Creighton University, 2010, B.B.A., Economics
  - Minor in Biology

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- Illinois

Memberships

- Member, Illinois Association of Healthcare Attorneys (IAHA)
- Member, American Health Lawyers Association (AHLA)

Awards & Recognition

- Listed, *The Best Lawyers®* Ones to Watch, Health Care Law, 2024-2026

News & Insights

- 126 Benesch Attorneys Recognized in 2027 Best Lawyers® Rankings
  August 20, 2026 | Press Releases
- CMS Proposes Sweeping Restrictions on Remote Patient Monitoring: The Outsourcing Ban, Reimbursement Revaluation and Potential Code Consolidation in the CY 2027 Physician Fee Schedule Proposed Rule
  July 28, 2026 | Client Alerts & Insights
- California Court Could Upend the Continuity Planning Agreements That Hold MSO-PC Structures Together
  May 26, 2026 | Client Alerts & Insights
- Benesch Advises Preferred Vascular Group in Strategic Sale to Surgery Partners
  April 20, 2026 | Press Releases
- California Enacts SB 351: New Restrictions on Private Equity and Hedge Fund Involvement in Physician and Dental Practices
  October 14, 2025 | Client Alerts & Insights
- OIG and DOJ Intensify Remote Patient Monitoring Oversight: 2025 Data Snapshot, FCA Settlement and the Emerging Enforcement Playbook
  October 10, 2025 | Client Alerts & Insights
- Nesko Radovic, Scott Downing, Jason Greis, Jake Cilek, Chris DeGrande and Nick Adamson Published in RPA News | "CMS Launches WISeR Model: A Technology-Enabled Effort to Reduce Wasteful Medicare Spending"
  September 9, 2025 | Contributed Content & Presentations
- CMS Proposes Comprehensive Updates to Remote Patient Monitoring and Remote Therapeutic Monitoring Reimbursement
  August 25, 2025 | Client Alerts & Insights
- 129 Benesch Attorneys Recognized in 2026 Best Lawyers® Rankings
  August 21, 2025 | Press Releases

- CMS's CY 2026 Fee Schedule Proposal: MSSP Reforms Take Center Stage in Push Toward Value
  July 17, 2025 | Client Alerts & Insights

Speaking & Events

PAST EVENTS

- Contracting Insights for Early Career Nephrologists | Lauri Cooper, Christopher DeGrande, and Nesko Radovic
  November 16, 2022 | Speaking Engagement
- Dialysis Legal Developments: 2022 Year in Review | Christopher DeGrande, Nesko Radovic
  October 5, 2022 | Speaking Engagement
- Benesch Heathcare+ First Annual Nephrology and Dialysis Conference
  December 2, 2021 | Speaking Engagement
- Benesch Healthcare+ Nephrology and Dialysis Webinar
  October 15, 2020 | Firm Events