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Overview

Chris is a former Assistant United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois that has spent the last 11 years in private practice helping companies and individuals navigate governmental and internal investigations. He has defended cases brought by almost every government agency, including the DOJ, SEC, CFPB, CFTC, to name a few.

He has conducted multiple internal investigations for Fortune 500 companies related to accounting fraud, corporate embezzlement, theft of trade secrets, and other sensitive topics.

Chris spends much of his time defending companies in the healthcare and other spaces against False Claims Act investigations, government audits, Medicare recoupment, and similar proceedings.

Chris has investigated and conducted complex federal civil, criminal, and administrative trials and appeals involving various subjects, including Medicare compliance, bankruptcy fraud, financial fraud, and legal and medical ethics. In addition, he has represented, advised, and assisted corporations in developing and implementing compliance programs, as well as conducting diligence as part of mergers, focusing on Medicare, Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, and Anti-Money Laundering compliance.

Chris also defends individuals accused of serious federal crimes. A trial lawyer at heart, Chris tried over 7 jury cases during his time as a federal prosecutor, and an additional 18 trials in his time in private practice. His recent victories include a seven figure damages award for a plaintiff that brought suit against a former partner as well as a full acquittal of a criminal defendant charged with multiple felonies.

As a side hustle, Chris has a keen knowledge of federal and state gambling laws, often providing advice to companies in the space. *See* Christopher Grohman, "Reconsidering Regulation: A Historical View of the Legality of Internet Poker and Discussion of the Internet Gambling Ban of 2006," Journal of Legal Technology Risk Management, 1, No. 1 (Fall 2006)

Chris was a former instructor at Federal Law Enforcement Training Center and National Advocacy Center. He also was an Adjunct Professor at DePaul University Law School, Drafting (Jan. 2015 - 2018); Research and Writing for Law Enforcement (January 2016 - June 2018); and University of Illinois Chicago; and a current Adjunct Professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago Law School (Federal Criminal Law (2024 - Present)).

**Matter handled prior to joining Benesch.*

Representative Matters

- Represented a federal criminal defendant charged under 18 U.S.C. § 1513(f), an infrequently invoked witness retaliation provision enacted as part of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act. Following an eight-day jury trial, secured a complete acquittal on all charges.
- Secured the complete dismissal of all criminal charges against a major California hospice provider in a California healthcare fraud prosecution alleging more than $7 million in fraudulent hospice billing.
- First chaired hundreds of ALJ appeals in the Medicare space, with a focus on wound care, home healthcare, and hospice.
- Handled dozens of federal and state False Claims Act investigations on behalf of major corporations involving various topics including Medicare overbilling, procurement fraud, improper PPP applications, and similar shenanigans.
- Represented multiple Fortune 100 companies in internal investigations into various topics, including potential employee embezzlement, inappropriate workplace relations, accounting irregularities, and the like.
- Successfully tried criminal insider trading case in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. After extensive briefing, the Court granted Rule 29 and Rule 33 acquittals in an oral ruling.
- Securities Fraud: Tried and secured a securities fraud conviction against a defendant who fraudulently advertised the type of securities in which he intended to invest customer money and instead ran investment accounts in a manner similar to a Ponzi scheme.*
- Fraud: Investigated and tried a 15-defendant, $3 million corporate check fraud scheme involving the creation of fake entities at the Illinois Secretary of State for the purpose of depositing and cashing large denomination corporate checks at various commercial banks.*

Credentials

EDUCATION

- Harvard University Law School, 2006, J.D.
- University of Pennsylvania, Wharton School of Business, 2003, B.S., Economics with concentration in Finance, *summa cum laude*
  - Minor in Mathematics

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- California
- Illinois
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

Memberships

- Member, American Bar Association (Vice-Chair Young Lawyers' Division, Criminal Justice Committee)
- Member, Federal Bar Association
- Member, Chicago Bar Association
- Member, Seventh Circuit Bar Association
- Member, Just the Beginning Foundation
- Law Clerk to the Honorable Algenon L. Marbley, United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio (2006-2007)
- Law Clerk to the Honorable Ann Claire Williams (ret.), for the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit (2009-2010)

Awards & Recognition

- Listed, Chambers USA Band 4, Litigation: White-Collar Crime & Government Investigations, 2026

- Listed, Legal 500 City Elite, 2026
- Prosecutor of the Year - United States Postal Inspection Service, 2014
- Chicago Crime Stoppers, 2013 Award
- Leading Lawyer, 2019, 2020, and 2021
- Illinois Super Lawyer – Criminal Defense, White Collar: 2023-2025
- Listed, *Crain's Chicago Business,* Notable Leaders in Accounting, Consulting & Law, 2024

News & Insights

- DOJ Announces First Healthcare Fraud Declination Under the New Department-Wide Corporate Enforcement Policy
  August 14, 2026 | Client Alerts & Insights
- Benesch Secures Full Dismissal of All Criminal Charges Against CarePlus Hospice Services Owners in Major California Healthcare Fraud Prosecution
  August 6, 2026 | Press Releases
- 16 Benesch Attorneys Recognized in 2026 Legal 500 City Elite Rankings
  July 28, 2026 | Press Releases
- DOJ Announces 2026 National Health Care Fraud Takedown: 455 Defendants Charged in $6.5 Billion Enforcement Action
  June 30, 2026 | Client Alerts & Insights
- Federal Court Hands Major Win to Tissue Product Manufacturers - FDA's HCT/P Classification Decision for Umbilical Cord-Derived Product CORDGRAFT Rejected
  June 25, 2026 | Client Alerts & Insights
- Benesch Recognized as Leading Law Firm by Chambers USA 2026 with Record Growth in National and Regional Rankings
  June 4, 2026 | Press Releases
- The Devil is in the Details: DOJ Provides New Insights Regarding National Fraud Enforcement Division's Priorities
  April 23, 2026 | Client Alerts & Insights
- Increased Medicare Enforcement Forthcoming? Minnesota Legislature, Attorney General Propose Expanded Charging Authority, Higher Penalties
  March 4, 2026 | Client Alerts & Insights
- 16 Benesch Attorneys Selected to 2026 Illinois Super Lawyers and Rising Stars Lists
  January 27, 2026 | Press Releases
- White House Announces Creation of New National Fraud Enforcement Division
  January 27, 2026 | Client Alerts & Insights

Speaking & Events

PAST EVENTS

- Representing Whistleblowers During Internal Investigations | Christopher T. Grohman
  March 25, 2026 - March 27, 2026 | Speaking Engagement
- First Step Act Motions | Christopher T. Grohman
  March 25, 2024 | Speaking Engagement
- Government Investigations in the Long-Term Care Space | Christopher T. Grohman
  November 8, 2023 - November 9, 2023 | Speaking Engagement