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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

- First chaired hundreds of ALJ appeals in the Medicare space, with a focus on would 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.*
- Fraud: Investigated and tried a 16-defendant, \$3 million identity theft scheme involving employees of major commercial banks compromising customers’ bank accounts and other identifying information.*
- Healthcare Fraud: Served as lead appellate attorney in *United States v. Borassi*, the Seventh Circuit’s leading case on the applicability of the safe harbor provision of the anti-kickback provision of the Medicare Fraud Statute.*

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

- 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

- [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
- [HHS OIG Flags Explosive Part B Spending on Skin Substitutes Signaling Heightened Fraud, Waste, and Abuse Risk and Imminent Payment Reform](#)
September 17, 2025 | Client Alerts & Insights
- [Seventh Circuit Holds Drug Manufacturer's AMP Reporting Violated False Claims Act by Excluding Post-Sale Price Increases](#)
September 11, 2025 | Client Alerts & Insights
- [Eleventh Circuit Upholds Dismissal of Qui Tam FCA Suit for Failure to Meet Rule 9\(b\) Specificity](#)
August 18, 2025 | Client Alerts & Insights
- [Second Circuit Widens the Gap Between Wire Fraud and Intangible Interests - Confidential Business Information Without Commercial Value Is Not "Property"](#)
August 15, 2025 | Client Alerts & Insights
- [CMS Proposes Overhaul of Skin Substitute Reimbursement Policy Beginning January 2026 - Implications for Providers, Manufacturers, and Payers in Both Outpatient and Physician Office Settings](#)
August 6, 2025 | 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