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Chris Bauer is an associate in the Business Trial Practice Group in the firm's Washington, D.C. office.

Areas of Practice

Chris is a first chair trial and appellate litigator with extensive experience in federal court. He represents clients in complex and high-stakes business litigation, white collar defense, and corporate investigations. His experience includes litigating claims involving constitutional law and the Administrative Procedure Act and claims for breach of contract, fraud, false advertising, copyright infringement, and stolen trade secrets. Chris also has an active pro bono practice, which focuses on federal criminal law, including post-conviction litigation; environmental litigation under the Clean Water Act; and preparing Supreme Court amicus briefs.

In addition to his practice, Chris serves on the Recruiting Committee, the Associates' Forum, and the Diversity and Inclusion Working Group for the Washington, D.C. office. He also serves as a Visiting Lecturer at the West Virginia University Chambers College of Business & Economics, where he annually teaches Health & Law to doctors, pharmacists, nurses, and other healthcare professionals pursuing MBA's.

Prior to joining the firm, Chris served as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Criminal Division of the United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of West Virginia, where he prosecuted hundreds of cases, tried numerous cases to verdict, litigated numerous appeals, and served as the Criminal Healthcare Fraud Coordinator. He also clerked for two federal judges on the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of West Virginia.

During law school, Chris served as an Executive Editor of the West Virginia Law Review, served as a co-captain of the Philip C. Jessup moot court team, and worked on behalf of indigent clients as part of his school's Supreme Court Clinic.

Honors

Gardner Gillespie Environmental Pro Bono Award, 2024

Articles

- "The Role and Effect of Administrative Law on the Judicial Process," Readings on the American Judicial System, 2016 (book chapter)

- Co-Author, "Reductions in Force: Factors to Consider in Order to Avoid Liability to Laid-Off Employees," 36 Energy & Min. L. Inst. 375, 2015

Counsel's Kitchen Law Blog Posts

- "The Domino Effect: West Virginia's State-Wide Dye Ban Leads Off FDA Action," May 6, 2025

International Arbitration Law Blog Posts

- "If The Shoe Doesn't Fit: Supreme Court Rejects 'Minimum Contacts' For Personal Jurisdiction Under FSIA," June 27, 2025

Media Mentions

W.Va. Judge Blocks Private Suits Under State's 'Daniel's Law'
Law360, 08.20.2025

Appeals Court Upholds Ban on Advisors at Dynasty-Backed RIA From Contacting Ex-Clients
WealthManagement.com, 08.14.2025

Sheppard Mullin Wins Injunction for Financial Services Firm in Dispute Over 'Raiding Exemption' Under Broker Recruiting Protocols
ALM, 07.25.2024

Speaking Engagements

"Serving as a Law Clerk after Graduation," WVU College of Law Clerkship Committee, November 12, 2025

Career Day Speaker, Wheatley Education Campus, June 2024 & May 2025

Constitution Day Speaker, Wheatley Education Campus, September 2024 & September 2025

Keynote Speaker for Naturalization Ceremony, Martinsburg, West Virginia Location, April 2018

Constitution Day Speaker, Martinsburg High School, September 2017

Memberships

Member, The Federalist Society

Member, West Virginia State Bar

Practices

Appellate

Litigation

White Collar Defense and Investigations

Education

J.D., West Virginia University College of Law, 2016, Executive Editor, *West Virginia Law Review*, Order of Barristers

M.B.A., West Virginia University, 2016

B.A., William Paterson University, 2013

Clerkships

Law clerk to the Honorable Irene M. Keeley of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of West Virginia

Law clerk to the Honorable Robert W. Trumble of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of West Virginia

Admissions

District of Columbia

New York

Virginia

West Virginia

Supreme Court of the United States

U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of West Virginia

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of West Virginia

Languages

German