



Christopher Riley

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“I provide effective advocacy by learning the ins and outs of clients’ businesses, the industries in which they operate, and their people and organizational missions. I believe in approaching complex problems collaboratively to identify the most pragmatic way to resolve legal disputes.”

Christopher Riley is a litigation attorney representing clients in complex disputes involving securities, antitrust, maritime, and international matters. He provides strategic counsel across all stages of litigation, including pre-litigation planning, alternative dispute resolution, discovery, motion practice, and trial support.

As a member of the firm’s international and maritime law teams, Chris assists clients with enforcing foreign arbitral awards in U.S. courts, foreclosing on preferred maritime mortgages, arresting and attaching vessels, and litigating maritime contracts and torts. He advises both domestic and international clients on compliance with regulatory and legal standards.

Before joining Miller Nash, Chris served as a judicial law clerk to the Honorable Gabrielle R. Wolohojian at the Massachusetts Appeals Court and the Honorable Karin J. Immergut at the U.S. District Court for the District of Oregon. In these roles, he gained significant trial and appellate experience, preparing materials for civil and criminal trials, drafting judicial opinions and orders, and observing proceedings at both trial and appellate levels.

Professional Activities

- Multnomah Bar Association, Member
- Oregon State Bar, Member
- Washington State Bar, Member
- Montana State Bar, Member
- Arizona State Bar, Member
- Federal Bar Association, Oregon Chapter, Member
 - Executive Board, 2026-2027

Civic Activities

- SMART Reading, Fundraising Lead
- Civics Learning Project, Judge (Mock Trial, We The People)

Education

J.D., University of California, Berkeley, School of Law, 2020

- Supervising Editor, *California Law Review*
- Supervising Editor, *Berkeley Journal of Criminal Law*
- Research Assistant to Professor David B. Oppenheimer

B.A., Harvard University, *cum laude*, English, 2017

- Editor, *The Harvard Crimson*
- Student Ambassador, *Harvard Advanced Leadership Initiative*

Bar Admissions

Montana, 2023
 Arizona, 2023
 Washington, 2023
 Oregon, 2021

Court Admissions

U.S. District Court, Western District of Washington, 2025

U.S. District Court, District of Arizona, 2023

U.S. District Court, District of Oregon, 2023

Publications

- “What Schools, Athletes, and Brands Should Take from the Playfly–Nebraska NIL Decision,” Miller Nash (May 2026)
- “EPA Issues Drinking Water Standard for Six PFAS,” Miller Nash, *From the Ground Up*, coauthor (April 2023)

Recognition & Honors

- Selected for inclusion as an Oregon Super Lawyer—Rising Star, 2026-present

Personal Activities

Chris enjoys exploring the Portland and Central Oregon areas with his wife, daughter, and dogs in search of restaurants, dog parks, and hikes. He is a Boston sports fan and has not missed a New England Patriots game in over fifteen years.