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PRACTICE AREAS

- Cyber Defense
- Cyber Insurance Defense
- Cyber Security
- Education
- Employer Defense
- Employment and Benefits
- Healthcare
- Medical Malpractice Defense
- Personal Injury Defense

EDUCATION

- J.D., Brigham Young University, J. Reuben Clark School of Law, 2008
- B.A., Brigham Young University, English and Psychology, 2004

ADMISSION

- Utah State Bar
- U.S. District Court, District of Utah

ABOUT

Chris Droubay is an experienced Utah medical malpractice attorney who has been defending health care providers of all types, including hospitals, physicians, nurses, mental health care providers, and dentists, for close to 15 years. He has a strong track record in defending complex birth injury cases involving catastrophic injury, and he is committed to taking a focused, strategic approach to every case.

Chris is known for staying up to date on the latest trends in the plaintiff's tactics and emerging defenses in the medical malpractice sphere. Leveraging his legal expertise, Chris helps clients avoid professional malpractice claims and regulatory issues. He advises and collaborates with hospital /corporate management and risk departments, investigates and evaluates adverse medical events, and provides training on medical malpractice, risk management, medical credentialing, and regulatory compliance.

He is also a highly knowledgeable employment law attorney who specializes in providing comprehensive outside counsel to clients on a variety of intricate legal and regulatory matters, such as HIPAA, Medicaid & Medicare, the Affordable Care Act, Anti Kickback and Stark Laws, and Credentialing. He has extensive experience in advising employers on the employer mandate of the ACA, ensuring that their policies comply with the law.

His legal outside counsel work benefits organizations that are potentially exposed to data breaches related to HIPAA and HITECH. In recent years, there has been a sharp rise in the number of violations, with many of them resulting in the loss of various types of data, from laptops to paper records to entire network servers. Therefore, individuals and businesses must be aware of the ever-present threat of data theft.

In addition to his professional pursuits, Christ makes time to give back to his community. For the past six years, he has served as pro bono Legal Counsel for the Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Intermountain Area, providing legal counsel and leadership to the organization as a member of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors. At the firm, Chris is an active member of the Technology and Cyber Security Committee and is on the Board of Directors. Utah Business Magazine has recognized his hard work and dedication as a Utah Legal Elite and he is recognized as a 2023 Super Lawyer's Rising Star.

HONORS / AWARDS / UNIQUE RECOGNITION

- Unique Recognition - Education, Law School: Brigham Young University, J. Reuben Clark School of Law, 2008
- Moot Court Board of Advocates, President
- Moot Court National Team
- Academic Scholarship Recipient
- Legal Research and Writing, Teaching Assistant
- Rated by Martindale-Hubbell® Peer review as AV® Preeminent™ 5.0 out of 5.0

PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

- Utah Bar Association
- American Bar Association

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Berger v. Greenberg, et al.- Utah Second District Court/Utah Court of Appeals. Alleged Medical Negligence related to robotic lung surgery. After four years of litigation, I obtained summary judgment in the District Court related to the standard of care. Successfully briefed and argued the matter before the Utah Court of Appeals, which upheld the District Court's dismissal.
- The State of Utah v. Merck & Co., Inc. – Utah Third District Court. Represented Merck in lawsuit by the State of Utah related to painkillers associated with an increased risk of heart attack and stroke. Case involved alleged damages in the tens of millions of dollars. Case concluded in settlement.
- Favero v. Werner Transportation – Utah Third District Court. Part of litigation and trial team representing a Plaintiff who was catastrophically injured in collision by a semi-truck. After lengthy trial, we obtained a multi-million dollar jury verdict for Plaintiff.
- HIPAA Breach and Investigation – Health and Human Services/Office for Civil Rights Investigation. Successfully, represented health care provider in multi-year HIPAA investigation related to the breach of medical records of several hundred thousand patients. Investigation concluded with no fine or monetary penalty imposed.

PRESENTATIONS & PUBLICATIONS

- Speaker, Legal and Ethical Issues Facing Therapists, Annual Conference of Utah Association of Marriage and Family Therapists 2017-2020
- Speaker, Retaliation Claims in the #MeToo Era, Best Practices in Utah Public Employment Law Seminar, November 2018
- Speaker, Wrongful Death Verdicts, SCM Tort and Insurance Seminar, October 2018
- Speaker, Damages Caps, Utah Tort and Insurance Seminar, November 2017
- Speaker, Cyber Security & Healthcare, Utah Business Healthcare Solutions Summit, September 2017
- Speaker, Cyber Security - What are the threats and how can healthcare systems protect sensitive data?, Utah Business Healthcare Solutions Summit, September 2016
- Speaker, Cyber Security: Emerging Risks and Trends, Utah Valley University Business & Economic Forum, May 2016
- Speaker, Navigating the Legal Landscape: Recent Developments & Five Tips for Businesses, Lunch & Learn with The Buckner Company and Nexus IT Consultants, March 2016