



CHRISTINA M. HESSE, PARTNER

OVERVIEW



Christina M. Hesse
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Christina is a meticulous, results-driven litigator and strategist who specializes in medical and professional malpractice defense and business/commercial litigation.

Prior to joining Duke Evett, Christina worked at firms in Boston and Boise, and was the Chief Legal Officer for a Boise-based software-as-a-service startup company. As part of those roles, she successfully represented medical and dental professionals, health-care facilities, and other individual and corporate clients in numerous complex civil suits. Christina is particularly adept at working with expert witnesses across multiple specialties in complex medical malpractice cases, due to her scientific background, innate love of “learning the medicine,” and natural curiosity. Christina has handled cases related to delayed cancer diagnoses, vertebral artery dissections, intracranial hemorrhages, retained surgical instruments, birth complications, and cardiac ablation complications. She has been involved in multiple jury trials with defense-favorable outcomes, and is savvy at motion practice and mediations. Christina is also a graduate of the Idaho State Bar’s Trial Skills Academy. She has advised businesses in corporate governance, commercial contract, government procurement, and intellectual property matters. Christina enjoys taking creative approaches to meeting the needs of individual cases and clients.

While at Suffolk University Law School in Boston, she was a member of the Suffolk University Law Review, serving as its associate Managing Editor, and was the Northeast Region Champion of the AIPLA Patent Law Moot Court competition. After graduating *cum laude* with a concentration in intellectual property, she clerked for the Superior Court of Massachusetts. Thereafter, she went into private practice, coming full circle to use her biology and chemistry undergrad degrees alongside her legal training.

Christina enjoys spending time in the great outdoors with her husband and two young sons, watching Carolina Tarheel basketball, and aspiring to return to her days of marathon running (Marathon Maniac #2041...but for now, shorter races will have to do).

PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Idaho Women Lawyers (IWL), Board of Directors
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Ada County, Board of Directors
- US Law Network Medical Practice Group Leadership Team, Secretary
- Idaho Association of Defense Counsel (IADC), Member
- Family Advocates, Fourth Judicial District, Volunteer Attorney, Court Appointed Special Advocates
- Idaho Women Lawyers (IWL), Member
- Idaho State Bar, Litigation, Health, and Corporate sections, Member
- Phi Delta Phi (International Legal Honor Society), Member
- Alpha Chi Sigma (Professional Chemistry Society), Member
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston, former Development Officer

CLERKSHIPS

- Superior Court of Massachusetts
 - Senior Law Clerk, 2015-2016
 - Law Clerk, 2014-2015

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- CLE: “When Experts Clash: Managing Contradictory Testimony;” IADC, November 2024.
- CLE: “Does AI Get a Better Diagnosis than Human Physicians?,” USLaw Network, 2024 Medical Law Forum.
- CLE: “From In-House to Outside Counsel: Providing Useful Value Adds;” Idaho State Bar Ass’n, 2023.
- Co-Author: “The Case for Expert Affidavit of Merit Requirements in Medical Malpractice Cases,” Idaho Association of Defense Counsel (IADC) newsletter, pg. 3 (Winter 2021).
- CLE: “E-Discovery, vendors, and court rules – What you need to know,” Technology in the Practice of Law – Flagship CLE, Idaho State Bar and Idaho Law Foundation (December 2019).
- CLE: “TMI – Considerations for Choosing an E-discovery Platform When Too Much Information Overwhelms Your Production Plans,” Employment & Labor Law Section, Idaho State Bar (Oct. 2019).
- Author, “A Brave New Telehealth World,” The Advocate, Vol. 62, No. 8, pg. 31-35 (August 2019).
- Multifactors, Multiconfusion? Refining “Likelihood of Confusion” Factors for Reverse-Confusion Trademark Infringement Claims to Achieve More Consistent and Predictable Results, 47 SUFFOLK U. L. REV. 421, 2014 (cited by the U.S. District Court for District of Oregon).
- The Cure for the Distracted Mind: Why Law Schools Should Teach Mindfulness, Suffolk University Law School Research Paper No. 14-23.

EDUCATION

- Suffolk University Law School; Aug. 2011-May 2014; Boston, MA
 - J.D., cum laude;
 - Lund University, Sweden (study abroad) 2012
- University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill; Aug. 2003 – May 2007
 - B.A., Biology, B.A. Public Policy; Minor, Chemistry
 - Women's Rugby, 2004-2007

ADMISSIONS

- Idaho State Courts
- Idaho State Bar Association
- U.S. District Court, District of Idaho (pending)
- Massachusetts State Courts
- U.S. District Court, District of Massachusetts