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Areas of Practice:

General Liability

BIOGRAPHY

Chris Thagard is an Associate in the Philadelphia office, specializing in insurance litigation. With over nine years of courtroom experience, Chris began his legal career in indigent criminal defense. For more than seven years, he worked at the Jefferson County Public Defender's Office in Birmingham, Alabama, before relocating to Philadelphia.

As a public defender in Alabama, Chris handled a wide range of cases, from misdemeanor offenses to homicides, trying cases before judges and juries. During this time, he developed a practice approach grounded in thorough trial preparation and a deep commitment to mastering the law. His dedication led to favorable outcomes for his clients, including a defense verdict in a complex felony trial after less than a day of jury deliberations.

Chris continued to build on his legal expertise as a trial attorney with the Defenders Association of Philadelphia for over two years, representing clients in a broad array of felony cases at trials and motion hearings. An avid reader and writer, Chris brings his passion for legal analysis to his work as an associate at Margolis Edelstein.

EDUCATION

Louisiana State University-Paul M. Hebert Law Center (J.D.)

University of Alabama (B.S.)

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

Pennsylvania

Alabama

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Philadelphia Bar Association

ARTICLES & PUBLICATIONS

Pennsylvania Supreme Court Clarifies Scope of Co-Employee Immunity Under the Workers' Compensation Act

NEWS & CASE RESULTS

Motion to Transfer Venue Granted in Philadelphia Motor Vehicle Accident Lawsuit

Venue Transfer Granted in Philadelphia Premises Liability Action Against Country Club

Arbitration Victory in Philadelphia County Rear-End Motor Vehicle Case - Limited Tort Election Upheld

Summary Judgment Secured in Philadelphia Slip and Fall Case

Negligence Claim Against Pedestrian Dismissed with Prejudice