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Christopher W. Kaul is a partner in the New Orleans office of the firm. His practice focuses on insurance coverage and complex civil litigation, with an emphasis on casualty matters, professional liability, management liability, and excess monitoring. He regularly represents insurers, excess carriers, third-party administrators, and their insureds in high-exposure matters, including catastrophic personal injury claims, first-party property disputes, bad faith litigation, premises and products liability, and indemnity actions.

Chris has broad experience defending individuals, professionals, businesses, and public entities in state and federal courts throughout Louisiana. His professional and management liability practice includes the defense of insurance agents and brokers, accountants, actuaries, architects, engineers, medical professionals, coroners, healthcare facilities, directors, officers, and senior management. He also regularly represents municipalities, parish governments, and other public entities in a wide range of civil matters.

Chris works closely with claims professionals on early case assessment, exposure evaluation, litigation strategy, and resolution of complex loss scenarios. His excess monitoring practice emphasizes practical risk analysis, clear reporting, and disciplined oversight through trial and settlement, allowing insurers to make informed claims and reserving decisions.

In addition to insurer-retained matters, Chris represents businesses and organizations as outside litigation and risk-management counsel. He is a Certified Information Privacy Professional (CIPP/US) and advises clients on data privacy, cybersecurity, cyber liability insurance, and incident response, and has coordinated large-scale data breach responses for national companies in regulated industries.

Chris maintains an active litigation practice and has recent trial experience, including the successful defense of a national distribution company in a two-week jury trial. He approaches litigation with a focus on efficiency, credibility, and alignment with client business objectives.

Representative Experience

Successfully defended a national distribution company through a two-week jury trial resulting in a favorable verdict.

Represents excess insurers in catastrophic personal injury and high-severity loss matters.

Provides excess monitoring, exposure assessment, and trial risk analysis for insurers and claims professionals.

Defended insurance agents, brokers, and other licensed professionals in professional and management liability matters.

Obtained dismissal on behalf of directors of a condominium association in a class action alleging mismanagement and breach of fiduciary duty.

Represents municipalities, parish governments, and public entities in complex civil litigation.

Managed and coordinated large-scale data breach responses for national medical billing and marine transportation companies.

Advises businesses, insurers, broker-dealers, and nonprofit organizations on cybersecurity, privacy compliance, and incident response, including HIPAA and COPPA considerations.

Represents business owners, property owners, developers, and venue operators in wrongful death, survival, premises liability, and negligent security claims.

Achieved favorable resolutions for transportation companies and manufacturers in commercial automobile and product-related litigation.

Managed large scale data breach response for a national medical billing company.

Manage large scale data breach for a large marine transportation company.

Advised various online retailers on privacy and data protection policies and protocols.

Obtained dismissal on behalf of a transportation company in a commercial automobile accident lawsuit.

Obtained a favorable settlement on behalf of a medical device manufacturer in a medical device lawsuit.

Defeated summary judgment on behalf of offshore oilfield services company in collections case resulting in a favorable resolution.

Advised FINRA broker-dealer on data and privacy policies and cybersecurity best practices under SEC and FINRA cybersecurity guidelines.

Advised non-profit organization on privacy and data protection safeguards under various state and federal laws, including HIPAA and Children's Online Privacy Protection Act.

Advised a social media company on privacy and data protection rules and regulations.

Represents business, property owners, and developers in wrongful death, survival, and personal injury claims.

Represents owners and managers of live music venues, apartment complexes, and national fast food chain franchises in general premises liability and negligent security litigation.

Represents excess insurance carriers in catastrophic personal injury claims.

Represents insurance agents, brokers, and retailers in professional liability and flood claims.

Awards & Recognition

THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PRIVACY PROFESSIONALS (IAPP)

Certified Information Privacy Professional (CIPP/US)

2014

Related Services

Business and Commercial

Construction

General Liability/Catastrophic Injury

Insurance

Products Liability & Mass Torts

Professional Liability

Publications & Speaking Engagements

Cyber Risk Considerations Amidst the COVID-19 Pandemic

Apr 2, 2020

So, You've Been Breach, Now What?

National Webinar

2020

Data Protection, Cybersecurity and Cyber Insurance Outlook

National Webinar

2019

A Litigation Paralegal's Guide to Case Management

Institute for Paralegal Education

November 2018

Cybersecurity: Ethics and Cyber Liability Trends

National Webinar

February 2018

Auto Injury Litigation: The Ultimate Guide

National Business Institute

2018

Behind the Scenes of the Insurance Company - What You Don't Know

National Business Institute

2018

Effective Document Control and Organization

National Business Institute

2018

Privacy and Data Protection Strategies for Non-Profit Organizations

Private Board Meeting

January 2018

Negotiating Tactics and Psychological Strategies to Gain the Edge

National Business Institute

October 2017

Cyber Risk Management

Tulane University

December 2015

Education, Admissions & Activities

EDUCATION

Loyola University New Orleans School of Law

J.D., cum laude, 2010

Taxation Certificate

International Business Certificate

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program

Law and Technology Annual, Print Editor

Wayne State University

B.A., 2007

Finance

BAR ADMISSIONS

Louisiana

2010

COURT ADMISSIONS

United States Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit

2010

United States District Court of Louisiana

Eastern, Western, Middle

2010

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

New Orleans Knowledge Net Chapter

co-chair

Louisiana State Bar Association

New Orleans Bar Association

Federal Bar Association

Loyola New Orleans College of Law Alumni Association

International Association of Privacy Professionals

Co-Chair New Orleans Chapter

Loyola Institute of Politics

The NET Charter High School

Board member

Nola City Bark

Board member

Loyola Univ. New Orleans School of Law

Law Young Alumni Board

The Mariner's Club of New Orleans

Louisiana Center for Children's Rights

Volunteer

A Child's Wish

Volunteer

St. Catherine of Sienna Parish

Volunteer and Parishioner