

Michael J. Crist

Michael Crist is a partner with 25 years' experience handling product liability, toxic tort, and insurance defense cases. He has been a member of trial teams in Florida, Georgia, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Delaware, and has taken multiple cases to verdict. He has served as National Counsel for manufacturers, retailers, and distributors. While in Georgia, he served as in-house trial counsel for a major insurance carrier. Since moving to Florida, he has been integral in the preparation, management and/or trial of numerous cases nationwide.

In addition, Mr. Crist has successfully handled cases for Fortune 500 companies that manufactured and sold automobiles, forklifts, pharmaceuticals, and other products. He has also represented manufacturers and distributors of products that contained asbestos, formaldehyde, benzene, silica or refractory ceramic fibers. In such cases, his understanding of the relevant medical and scientific specialties, careful selection and retention of experts from multiple disciplines, and strategic use of discovery and investigators have produced positive, cost effective results. He has presented seminars on asbestos and formaldehyde litigation, premises liability, cross-examination techniques, and multiple insurance defense topics.

Practice Areas: Insurance Defense, Personal Injury, Product Liability; Toxic Tort Litigation; General Civil Litigation; Premises Liability; Wrongful Death Defense; National Coordinating/Trial Counsel

Admitted: U.S. District Courts, Southern & Middle Districts of Florida; U.S. Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit; State Courts, Georgia and Florida

Law School: Vanderbilt University, J.D., 1989

College: Emory University, B.A., 1986

Member: Georgia Bar, 1989; Florida Bar, 2004; American Bar Association; Defense Research Institute

Publications:

"Formaldehyde -- The Next Asbestos," *For The Defense*, November 2015

"Managing Asbestos Claims and Litigation," *Corporate Disputes*, October 2015

"Formaldehyde," *Life Sciences Insider*, 2011

Presentations:

ACI's 20th Annual National Advanced Forum on Asbestos Litigation,
January 14-15, 2016: Presentation Scheduled regarding Analytical
Frameworks

Used in Take-Home Asbestos Cases & State of the Art

ACI's 19th Annual National Advanced Forum on Asbestos Litigation,
June 23-24, 2015: Presentation regarding Take-Home Asbestos Cases
- The Final Frontier of Asbestos Litigation

ACI's 18th Annual National Advanced Forum on Asbestos Litigation,
January 15-16, 2015: Presentation regarding Development of Apportionment
in Asbestos Cases – The What, The How, and The Why; Second Presentation
regarding the Take-Home Asbestos Cases – Challenges to the Court and the
Parties

ACI's 17th Annual National Advanced Forum on Asbestos Litigation,
June 26-27, 2014: Presentation regarding Development of Apportionment
in Asbestos Cases – The What, The How, and The Why

New York Claims Seminar, 2012: Formaldehyde – Analysis of Recent
Regulatory Pronouncements and Effect on Litigation

Claims Seminar, Dallas Texas, 2012: Mass Tort Florida Law Update

Published Appellate Cases:

Fletcher v Water Applications Distribution Group, Inc., et al., A15A0527 (Ga. Ct.
App. 2015)

Hoffman v AC&S, Inc., et al., 248 Ga. App. 608, 548 S.E.2d 379 (2001)