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Overview

Christina Gallo is a commercial litigator in the state and federal courts of New York and New Jersey as well as in arbitration tribunals. Her practice focuses on insurance coverage disputes, bad faith litigation, complex commercial disputes, shareholder disputes, and consumer fraud litigation. Her work in these areas includes conducting discovery, depositions, pretrial proceedings, and dispositive motions practice.

Christina also provides coverage counseling to clients, advising on coverage issues across several lines of business, including directors and officers liability, errors and omissions liability, employment practices liability, commercial general liability, and professional liability. Christina has experience with various insurance coverage issues, including claims-made and notice requirements, other insurance clauses, recoupment, consent-to-settle or voluntary payments provisions, fortuity, trigger, exhaustion, and allocation. She has handled a wide range of claims, including sexual/physical abuse, molestation, assault, employment, public entity, media, privacy, construction defect, and other types of alleged bodily injury.

While in law school, Christina served as an intern to the Honorable Jose L. Linares of the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey. Christina was also a notes and comments editor for the *New York Law School Law Review*.

All Insights

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| 09.01.2021 | Sixth Circuit Determines the Term “Suspension of Operations” in Business Interruption Policy Requires “Complete Shutdown of Business Operations” Under Ohio Law |
| 07.07.2021 | Fourth Circuit Holds Estate of Assisted Living Facility Resident Required to Arbitrate Wrongful Death and Survival Claims |
| 07.05.2021 | Sixth Circuit Holds Former Employee Required to Arbitrate “Gateway” Questions Concerning Arbitration Agreement’s Coverage, Enforceability, and Formation |
| 06.16.2021 | Minnesota District Court Grants Stay of Entire Action Pending Appeal of Order Denying Motion to Compel Arbitration |
| 06.04.2021 | Ninth Circuit Finds Refusal to Accept a Demand, Without More, Is Not a “Claim” Under Policy |

05.20.2021	English High Court Blocks Financial Services Group From Bringing Excess Insurance Claim Against UK Reinsurers in South Africa Where Courts of England and Wales Had Exclusive Jurisdiction Under Excess
05.18.2021	Party Opposing Confirmation of Non-Domestic Arbitration Award Subject to Convention May Also Assert FAA Defenses If Award Rendered in the U.S. or Under U.S. Arbitral Law
04.27.2021	No “Meeting of the Minds” Where Material Terms of Arbitration Agreement Were Changed After Party Electronically Signed Document
04.26.2021	Seventh Circuit Holds EEOC Right-to-Sue Letter Does Not Trump a Binding Arbitration Agreement
03.17.2021	North Carolina District Court Dismisses Action Where Plaintiff Had Full and Fair Opportunity to Pursue Claim Through Arbitration
03.15.2021	West Virginia District Court Rejects DirecTV’s Bid to Compel Arbitration Finding Breadth of Arbitration Agreement “Absurd” and “Unconscionable”
03.05.2021	New Jersey Federal Court Holds Virus Exclusion Bars Coverage for Car Dealerships’ COVID-19 Losses; Rejects Public Policy Argument Based on Pending Legislation
02.23.2021	Eleventh Circuit Holds University Cannot Arbitrate Student’s Breach of Contract and Misrepresentation Claims
02.23.2021	Fourth Circuit Declines to Vacate Arbitration Award Where Challenge to the Award Was Nothing More Than an Ordinary Disagreement With Its Outcome
02.05.2021	New York Federal Court Confirms \$2M Arbitral Award to Defunct Liquor Distributor in Dispute Over Royalties Owed to Rapper Snoop Dogg
02.04.2021	Seventh Circuit Affirms Wisconsin Federal Court’s Finding That Arbitration Panel’s Decision Was Arbitrary and Capricious Where It Was Contrary to the Evidence in the Record
01.14.2021	Texas Federal Judge Declines to Rule on Procedural Issues in Multiple Successive Arbitrations Filed by Same Parties, Leaving Dispute to Arbitrators
01.11.2021	Second Circuit Declines to Vacate Foreign Arbitral Award Under New York Convention Absent Valid Reas
10.14.2020	Fifth Circuit Holds “Tacit Acquiescence” Insufficient to Create Valid Contract to Arbitrate
10.12.2020	Seventh Circuit Adds to Circuit Split, Holds Section 1782 Does Not Authorize Federal Courts to Compel Discovery for Use in Private Foreign Arbitration

09.23.2020	Fifth Circuit Finds Incorporation of AAA Rules Into Arbitration Agreement Presents “Clear Unmistakable Evidence” of Parties’ Intent To Have Arbitrator Decide Issue of Arbitrability
09.21.2020	Third Circuit Upholds Pennsylvania Federal Court’s Finding That an Arbitration Agreement Is Unenforceable Where It Limits Borrowers Claims To Only Those Under Tribal Law
09.01.2020	Third Circuit Affirms District Court’s Denial of Attorneys’ Fees Absent a Valid Statutory or Contractual Right to Additional Fees
09.01.2020	New York Federal Court Confirms Arbitration Award Where Plaintiff Offered No Grounds to Vacate, Modify, or Correct Award
08.12.2020	Eleventh Circuit Vacates Compound Interest Award and Directs Trial Court to Recalculate Simple Interest Under Georgia Law
08.10.2020	Arkansas Federal Court Finds McCarran-Ferguson Act Does Not Supersede the New York Convention or Chapter II of the FAA
07.22.2020	Hawaii District Court Compels Arbitration of Only Part of a Claim Where There Was a Clear Agreement to Arbitrate
07.20.2020	Texas Supreme Court Holds Defendant Did Not Forfeit Right to Appeal Denial of Motion to Compel Arbitration by Waiting Until After Entry of Jury Verdict in Plaintiff’s Favor
07.01.2020	Washington Supreme Court Finds Hospital Waived Its Right to Arbitration When It Chose to Litigate for Nine Months
06.29.2020	Oklahoma Supreme Court Finds Arbitrator, Not Court, to Determine Fraudulent Inducement Attack on Contract Containing Arbitration Clause
06.10.2020	Eleventh Circuit Partially Reverses District Court Decision Denying Motion to Compel Arbitration Upon Application of Mailbox Rule
06.08.2020	Illinois Federal Court Finds Shutterfly User Must Arbitrate Illinois Biometric Privacy Claim Even Though Shutterfly Unilaterally Amended Its Arbitration Clause
05.20.2020	New York Appellate Court Finds Bankruptcy Trustee Not Bound by Arbitration Clause in Bankrupt Company’s Engagement Agreement With Accounting Firm
05.18.2020	Illinois Federal Court Finds Futures Traders Are Estopped From Avoiding Operating Agreement’s Arbitration Clause Where They Sought to Directly Benefit From Operating Agreement

04.30.2020	Southern District of New York Confirms Arbitration Award Finding Force Majeure Clause Did Not Apply to Excuse Performance Under Charter
04.28.2020	Fourth Circuit Affirms Summary Judgment for Employer on Hostile Work Environment Claim, Vacates for Employer on Retaliation Claim
04.17.2020	Louisiana, Pennsylvania, and South Carolina Join in Introducing Legislation That Would Force Insurers to Retroactively Cover COVID-19 Losses
04.09.2020	Hawaii Supreme Court Finds Arbitration Clause Not Applicable Where Defendants Fail to Comply With Statutory Arbitration Notice Requirements and Claims Did Not Fall Within Scope of Arbitration Clause
04.07.2020	Ninth Circuit Finds LRRRA Preempts Washington Anti-Arbitration Statutes as It Applies to Risk Retention Groups Chartered in Other States
04.03.2020	New York Federal Court Finds Insured's Failure to Provide Notice of Subpoena Did Not Bar Coverage for Later Lawsuit
04.01.2020	New York Among the Latest States to Propose Legislation That Would Require Insurers to Cover COVID-19 Business Interruption Losses
03.23.2020	New Jersey Proposes Bill That May Require Insurers to Cover COVID-19 Business Interruption Losses
02.25.2020	Ninth Circuit Affirms District Court's Order Denying Motion to Compel Arbitration in Putative Class Action Where Defendant Failed To Prove Plaintiffs Assented to Arbitration Clause
11.06.2019	Seventh Circuit Finds "Based Upon or Arising Out of" Language in Contract Exclusion Renders Coverage
07.23.2019	Colorado Federal Court Rejects Attorney-Client Privilege for Communications Between Insurer's Claims
03.29.2019	Coverage Issues Relating to Drones Take on New Heights: A California District Court Finds Drone-Related Injury Falls Within Policy's Aircraft Exclusion

All News

01.07.2019 Carlton Fields Opens New Jersey Office, Adds Five Attorneys

Professional & Community Involvement

- American Bar Association

- New York State Bar Association
- New Jersey State Bar Association
- Impact Center for Public Interest Law, New York Law School
- Dean's Leadership Council, New York Law School
- National Society of Leadership and Success, Rutgers University

Credentials

EDUCATION

- New York Law School (J.D., cum laude, 2016)
 - Notes and Comments Editor, *New York Law School Law Review*
 - John Marshall Harlan Scholar
- Rutgers University (B.A., 2013)

COURT ADMISSIONS

- U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit
- U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York

BAR ADMISSIONS

- New Jersey
- New York

Areas of Focus

PRACTICES

- Appellate & Trial Support
- Creditors' Rights and Bankruptcy
- Cyber Insurance Coverage Disputes
- Intellectual Property
- Labor & Employment
- Life, Annuity, and Retirement Litigation
- Litigation and Trials
- Property & Casualty Insurance
- Real Property Litigation
- Representations and Warranty Insurance