

## Christopher G. Emch

Principal

1111 Third Avenue  
Suite 3000  
Seattle, WA 98101

T 206.447.8904  
F 206.749.1934  
chris.emch@foster.com



Chris has extensive experience with commercial litigation, health care law, business disputes, cybersecurity law, real estate disputes, railroad and transportation law, securities law, class actions, education law, administrative law, tax appeals, and regulatory proceedings.

Chris is licensed and has litigated in state and federal courts in Washington, Oregon and California. Chris has additional experience prosecuting claims as a Special Assistant Attorney General.

Chris regularly works with hospitals and health care providers on a wide range of matters, including disputes and issues involving contracts, billing and reimbursement, medical staffing, facility construction, quality assurance, pharmacy issues, risk management, information management, patient records and data security. He also regularly represents hospitals and other health care providers at all levels of the Certificate of Need process and in the judicial review phase of planning decisions.

Chris has significant trial, arbitration and mediation experience. For example, he served on the trial team in *McCleary v. State of Washington*, the largest public education funding lawsuit in Washington state. He was one of the plaintiffs' attorneys representing a coalition of education organizations and individuals in a constitutional challenge to Washington State's underfunding of K-12 education. After a two-month trial, the trial court entered judgment to enforce the State Constitution's public

### Services

Litigation  
Alternative Dispute Resolution  
Antitrust & Consumer Protection  
Business & Corporate Finance  
Class Action Litigation  
Environmental Litigation  
Financial Services  
Health Care  
Health Care Litigation  
Privacy, Cybersecurity & Data Protection  
Public Finance & Municipal Government  
Public Records & Open Government  
School Districts  
Securities Litigation & Enforcement  
Transportation & Logistics  
Yachts, Ships & Submersibles

### Admissions

Washington  
California

education clause, which was affirmed by the Washington State Supreme Court.

## Education

J.D., University of Michigan Law School (*cum laude*)

A.B., Dartmouth College (high honors)

## Professional Activities

American Bar Association

- Health Law Section
- Litigation Section

American Health Lawyers Association

- Health Care Liability and Litigation Practice Group
- Health Information and Technology Practice Group

California Bar Association

Federal Bar Association, Western District of Washington,  
Communications and Website Committee, Co-Chair, 2009-2018

King County Bar Association

Oregon State Bar Association

Washington State Bar Association

Washington State Society of Healthcare Attorneys

## Community Activities

Issaquah Schools Foundation, Board Member, 2016-2020

District of Columbia

Oregon

U.S. District Court, Central  
District of California

U.S. District Court, District of  
Oregon

U.S. District Court, Eastern  
District of California

U.S. District Court, Eastern  
District of Washington

U.S. District Court, Northern  
District of California

U.S. District Court, Southern  
District of California

U.S. District Court, Western  
District of Washington

U.S. Court of Appeals for  
the 9th Circuit