



Christine M. Gordon

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Areas of Practice

- Commercial and Civil Litigation Law
- Special Education Law
- Students' Rights

Bar Admissions

- Pennsylvania, 2008
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, 2011
- United States Court of Federal Claims, 2012
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, 2014
- U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, 2015
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania, 2017
- New Jersey, 2019

Education

- Villanova University School of Law, J.D., 2008
- Emory University, B.A., Psychology, 2005

Honors and Awards

- 20 Under 35 Awardee, Villa Joseph Marie High School, 2018
- Pennsylvania Super Lawyers, Rising Star, 2022

Professional Associations

- American Bar Association, Member
- Pennsylvania Bar Association, Member
- Montgomery Bar Association, Member
- Montgomery Bar Association, Education Law Committee
- Council of Parent Attorneys and Advocates (COPAA), Member
- Specialists of Schools, Member
- Montgomery Bar Association Leadership Academy, 2016
- Federal Bar Association, Member

Community Involvement

- Kelly Anne Dolan Memorial Fund, Board of Directors, 2019 – 2021
- Emory University's 100 Senior Honorary, Alumni Reviewer, 2018-2021

Bio

Christine M. (O'Brien) Gordon joined Timoney Knox in 2011 and became a partner in 2021. She focuses her practice on school and special education law, and civil rights litigation. She regularly counsels families of children with disabilities on issues arising under various state and federal laws and regulations, including the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Christine has represented families and children at IEP meetings, disciplinary hearings, and administrative due process hearings, and has extensive experience performing appellate work in special education matters in federal courts. She currently works to help students in securing appropriate educational programs and services, as well as in obtaining compensatory education, school placements, tuition reimbursement, and other available remedies. She also has experience in matters involving school bullying, harassment, hazing, transgender rights and sexual and/or physical abuse. She is a speaker on issues related to special education and other student matters.

Christine earned her law degree from Villanova University in 2008. While in law school, she was selected to write for the *Villanova Environmental Law Journal*, was a board member for a national legal fraternity focused on ethics within the legal profession, and volunteered her time providing pro bono legal work through various programs offered through the law school. She also served as a student volunteer at the Special Olympics event on campus.

Christine received her undergraduate degree in psychology from Emory University in 2005. She has had a lifelong interest in the rights of children in school and supporting children with special needs. While attending Emory, she worked for a child psychologist, assisting in the preparation of neuropsychological evaluation reports, and also worked as a private tutor of students with special needs. She was on the Dean's List and was selected by the faculty for academic recognition in the Psi Chi National Honor Society, the Mortar Board Senior National Honor Society and Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities.

She is a member of the Pennsylvania and Montgomery County Bar Associations and was selected for and completed the Montgomery County Bar Association's prestigious Leadership Academy. She is a former Trustee on the Board of Trustees for Northern Children's Services, a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing behavioral and mental health services to at-risk children and their families, and previously served on the Board of Directors for the York Hospital Auxiliary. She currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Kelly Anne Dolan Memorial Fund, a nonprofit organization that provides financial assistance to families caring for children with serious illnesses, disabilities, and injuries.

Christine has been named to the Pennsylvania *Super Lawyers* Rising Star List in 2022. Each year no more than 2.5% of the lawyers in the state are selected by *Super Lawyers* to receive this Honor.

A Bucks County native and graduate of Villa Joseph Marie High School, Christine resides in Ivyland, Pennsylvania with her husband Kyle, their two daughters, Maisyn and Shea, and their pitbull, Ollie.

Ratings & Certifications

- Emory University, Undergraduate Admissions, Alumni Interviewer, 2019-2020
 - Volunteer, Special Olympics of Pennsylvania, 2018
 - Wills for Heroes
 - Northern Children Services, Board of Trustees, 2014-2015
 - Emory University Athletic Facility Fundraising Committee, 2010 – 2012
 - York Hospital Auxiliary, Board of Directors, 2009 – 2010
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Classes/Seminars Taught

- "Understanding Your Child's Educational Records" – ARC of Philadelphia, October 26, 2021
- "Compliance with Section 504 in Public School Districts" – March 24, 2016
- "School Law Workshop" – August 26, 2015
- "School Law Workshop" – August 26, 2014
- "Compliance with Section 504 in Public School Districts" – June 24, 2014
- "Compliance with Section 504 in Public School Districts" – June 23, 2014
- "Social Skills and Compliance Under the IDEA" – April 4, 2014
- "Legally Defensible IEPs" – October 4, 2013
- Basics of Child and Spousal Support Seminar, 2009

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