



## Christopher (Chris) M. Burkle

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### Overview

A medical doctor and an attorney, Chris is a member of our Professional Liability – Health Care practice group. He focuses his legal practice primarily on the defense of health care practitioners including proceedings before their respective licensing boards.

Before joining Meagher + Geer, Chris practiced as an anesthesiologist for more than 24 years. He also holds the title of Emeritus Professor of Anesthesiology and Perioperative Medicine at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota.

Beyond his medical background, Chris is a skilled attorney who integrates his medical knowledge and experience with legal principles to obtain positive results for his clients. His diverse background has given him a deep understanding of the aspects of medical malpractice actions.

Chris earned his Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, from Hamline University School of Law, where he served as Associate Editor and then Primary Editor of the *Law Review*. During law school, he participated in a legal practicum with the Mayo Clinic legal department focusing on medical regulation, compliance, and professional litigation defense.

After completing law school, Chris continued practicing as a full-time anesthesiologist. During his tenure, he sat on the Minnesota Board of Medical Practice and served as Chair of its Complaint Review Committee. Chris has also published multiple articles on the intersection between medicine, ethics, and law.

Chris obtained his medical degree from the John A. Burns School of Medicine. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from Portland State University as well as a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Lewis and Clark College.

### Education

### Services

- ◆ Professional Liability - Health Care

### State Bar Admissions

- ◆ Minnesota, 2010

- ◆ Hamline University School of Law, *cum laude*, 2009
- ◆ John A. Burns School of Medicine, M.D., 1994
- ◆ Portland State University, B.S., 1990
- ◆ Lewis and Clark College, B.S., 1985

Medical Licensure

- ◆ State of Minnesota
- ◆ State of Hawaii

Medical Board Certification

- ◆ Anesthesiology, American Board of Anesthesiology

Experience

Professional Affiliations

- ◆ Medical Professional Liability Association
- ◆ Chair, Complaint Review Committee, Minnesota Board of Medical Practice
- ◆ Ethics and Medical-Legal Affairs Committee, Minnesota Medical Association
- ◆ Federation of State Medical Boards Workgroup on Physician Impairment
- ◆ Fellow, American College of Legal Medicine
- ◆ Editor, *Journal of Legal Medicine*

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Military Service

- ◆ U.S. Naval Flight Officer Trainee – Unites States Navy, 1985-1987
- ◆ U.S. Naval Reserve Officer, Lieutenant JG – United States Navy, 1985-2000