

Chris D'Amour

Mediator

Chris D'Amour has almost 30 years of litigation experience, a reputation for fairness, and a practical understanding of the business considerations that drive complex disputes. His extensive experience handling high-stakes litigation, catastrophic injury claims, class actions, and complex commercial matters, combined with his success in resolving disputes through negotiation and mediation, gives him valuable insight into how cases can be effectively resolved. Chris understands the challenges of litigation from both sides, earns the respect of those involved, and works toward practical, well-informed resolutions.

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Concentrations

- Personal Injury
- Commercial Litigation
- Class Action Litigation
- Errors & Omissions Claims
- Products Liability
- Construction Defect
- First Party Property
- Trucking and Cargo
- Insurance Coverage

Education

- BS, Louisiana State University (1994)
- JD, Loyola University School of Law (1999)

Recognitions

- Adjunct Professor of Law, Loyola University New Orleans College of Law, 2022 - present
- Graduate of National Institute for Trial Advocacy
- Order of Barristers
- NOBA Pro Bono Attorney of the Year
- *New Orleans City Business*, Leadership in Law
- **Super Lawyer**
- ***The Best Lawyers in America®***
- ***Biz New Orleans*, Best Lawyers**

Biography

Chris D'Amour is respected throughout the legal community as an effective and fair-minded litigator. For more than 26 years, he has represented clients locally and nationally in state and federal courts and is frequently called upon to handle cases involving catastrophic injuries.

His experience includes serving as first chair in jury trials in all three districts of federal court in Louisiana and numerous state court venues. His trial experience includes traumatic brain injuries (TBI) and catastrophic injuries, products liability, trucking/auto, insurance coverage and a 10-day bad faith insurance trial in which the jury rejected all bad faith claims. He has also served as appellate trial counsel. He has handled several national class actions, most recently successfully settling a national products liability class action. Chris was lead counsel for a distributor in the Chinese Dry wall mass tort litigation. He was lead counsel in a series of lawsuits alleging pharmaceutical products liability.

Chris served as insurance coverage counsel to various syndicates at Lloyds of London for well over a decade. His experience also includes resolving more than 1,000 first-party property claims in Louisiana and Mississippi through mediation. Chris regularly handles E&O claims for insurance brokers and other professionals. Chris has handled large construction defect claims including representing a multimillion-dollar corporation in a construction defect claim. He has handled numerous injunction hearings and claims under the Louisiana Unfair Trade Practices Act (LUTPA). He is admitted to practice in Louisiana and Mississippi.

Chris has a long history of pro bono service and community involvement. Chris was the first Loyola law student to receive the Spirit of St. Ignatius Award for establishing a pro bono program that paired law students with private practitioners. In his first year of practice, the New Orleans Bar Association named him Pro Bono Attorney of the Year. Soon after, while volunteering to teach street law, Chris founded When the Bell Rings, a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving Andrew Bell Middle School. Following Hurricane Katrina, he helped establish a charter school and served as Board President of The Priestly Charter School for Architecture and Construction. Chris also served four years as Board Chair of the Urban League of Louisiana and later as Board Chair of the Justice & Accountability Center of Louisiana. He previously served on the Board of Directors of Boys Hope/Girls Hope. He currently serves as Board Chair of the Data Center.

Chris is a graduate of LSU and the Loyola University School of Law where he has taught Trial Advocacy as an adjunct professor for the past 4 years. He is the proud father of two children and two stepchildren.