



## **Christopher Pelham**

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Christopher Pelham is an experienced trial lawyer and former federal prosecutor who helps clients resolve sensitive and complex issues through commercial dispute advocacy, internal investigations, compliance counselling and representations before government agencies and regulators.

As an Assistant US Attorney in Los Angeles, Christopher investigated and prosecuted cases involving racketeering, organized crime and fraud, which culminated in nine jury trials and four appellate appearances. As a trial lawyer in private practice, Christopher's experience includes litigating commercial disputes in federal and state court as well as in arbitral proceedings, representing clients that have been the targets or subjects of federal criminal investigations, and conducting complex internal investigations. Christopher has experience resolving disputes related to allegations of trademark and copyright infringement, false advertising, breach of contract and trade secret misappropriation.

Before joining Norton Rose Fulbright, Christopher led an investigation and litigation practice in Shanghai, China for another international law firm. During that period, Christopher was one of only a handful of former US prosecutors working directly from mainland China. For four years, Christopher's practice included representing and defending clients in high-profile cross-border criminal and regulatory matters, leading clients through cross-border commercial disputes, and conducting internal investigations concerning (among other issues) violations of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA). Christopher represented both individual and institutional clients, based both in the US and in Asia, before US regulatory and investigative bodies.

With his significant local and international experience, Christopher's current practice extends to all aspects of cross-border commercial and white-collar matters.

Christopher has also been active with several Los Angeles-based nonprofits, including School on Wheels and the L.A. Center for Law & Justice, as well as with Stepping Stones in Shanghai.