

Christina A. Gonzales

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Christina A. Gonzales concentrates her practice on environmental, toxic tort, and mass tort litigation matters. She counsels and defends clients in all stages of litigation, from inception through trial. Her experience involves securing defense verdicts for product manufacturers, contractors, suppliers, and premises owners in toxic tort cases, including strict liability, negligence, and breach of warranty claims. She currently serves as local coordinating counsel for toxic tort litigation for the largest privately held wholesale distributor of plumbing, heating, and industrial supplies in the country.

Christina received her bachelor's degree in Spanish Literature and Sociology from New York University before going on to earn her *juris doctor* from Widener University School of Law. As a law student, she worked as a paralegal for a criminal and civil defense firm in Philadelphia. She also served as a summer intern for a law firm in Guatemala City, Guatemala.

Following law school, Christina worked for several years as a trial attorney at the Defender Association of Philadelphia, where she served as lead counsel in both bench and jury trials in Philadelphia Municipal Court, Family Court, and the Court of Common Pleas.

Christina is a founding board member of The Atlantic Center for Capital Representation, a not-for-profit resource center that provides legal advocacy, consultation and mitigation services, and education and training to combat death penalty and juvenile life-without-parole sentences in Pennsylvania.

Education

- Widener University Delaware Law School (J.D., 2008)
- New York University (B.A., 2000)

Practices

- Asbestos & Mass Tort Litigation
- Environmental & Toxic Tort Litigation
- Product Liability

Admissions

- New Jersey, 2008
- Pennsylvania, 2008

Languages

- Spanish (proficient)

Honors & Awards

- Pennsylvania Super Lawyer Rising Star (2017-2018)

Associations & Memberships

- Atlantic Center for Capital Representation, Founding Board Member
- Defense Research Institute (DRI), Diversity & Inclusion Committee
- The Lawyers Club of Philadelphia

Classes/Seminars Taught

- *Building Your Book of Business with Brand YOU! (Pitching Business and Executive Branding)*, Women of Color Roundtable, DRI Diversity for Success Seminar, New Orleans, LA, June 11, 2025
- *Unlocking Diversity: A Dynamic Collaboration Between In-House and Outside Counsel to Elevate Your Legal Team*, DRI Life, Health, Disability, and ERISA Seminar, Philadelphia, PA, March 21, 2024
- *Can I get Close to You?* Networking Panel, DRI Diversity for Success Seminar, Nashville, TN, June 2024
- *Authentic Diversity*, DRI Diversity for Success Seminar, Nashville, TN, June 2024
- *Being Your Authentic Self - Leveraging Your Personality for Business Development*, DRI Diversity for Success Seminar, Charlotte, NC, June 2023

Published Works

- Media Commentary: "Philly Attorney Moves Toxic Tort Practice to Marshall Dennehey", Law 360, March 19, 2024 (subscription required)
- "The Importance of Diversity in the Legal Community," DRI Diversity Insider, June 15, 2017