



# **Christopher Cruz Sierra**

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## **Profile**

Christopher assists public and private schools on a wide array of legal issues, including the legal complexities of school operations, special education and student rights. As a former educator, Christopher understands the intricacies of the education system and the importance of providing legal services that reduce the risk of exposure while also considering those who are most important: students. Christopher also engages in employment litigation, defending clients against discrimination and retaliation claims.

Prior to joining Bond, Christopher was a law clerk at a defense firm in Orlando, Florida, where he assisted supervising attorneys in all stages of litigation, including appeals, related to first-party property and personal injury disputes. Christopher also clerked at a firm in Tallahassee, Florida, where he assisted in defending public and private higher education institutions and school districts on labor, employment and school law matters. He was also a teaching assistant for Fundamentals of Civil Practice at Florida State University's College of Law.

## **Honors & Affiliations**

- Garnet Scholarship
- Children's Advocacy Clinic, Pro Bono Student, Florida State University College of Law
- Hispanic Law Students Association, President, Florida State University College of Law
- Claude and Lydia Melli Endowed Scholarship in Education, University of South Florida
- · History of Achievement Award; Innovation, University of South Florida

## **Education**

- Florida State University College of Law (J.D. 2023)
- University of South Florida (B.S. 2018)

## **Bar/Court Admissions**

- New York
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York

#### **Practices**

- Labor and Employment
- · Higher Education
- Litigation