



952-896-3308  
cyetka@larkinhoffman.com

#### Areas of Law

Insurance Coverage  
Litigation  
Business Litigation  
Construction and Surety  
Construction Litigation  
Appellate Advice & Advocacy

#### Bar Admissions

Minnesota  
U.S. Court of Appeals, 8th Circuit  
U.S. District Court, Colorado  
U.S. District Court, Minnesota  
U.S. District Court, Eastern District of  
Arkansas  
U.S. District Court, Western District of  
Arkansas

#### Education

University of Minnesota Law School,  
Minneapolis, MN; J.D., cum laude, 1993  
Macalester College, St. Paul, MN; B.A.,  
magna cum laude, 1990

## Christopher Yetka

Christopher Yetka is a commercial trial attorney with an emphasis on insurance recovery disputes. He has successfully enforced the coverage rights of policyholders across the country in cases relating to nearly every type of insurance policy. He has also represented and counseled financial institutions, utilities, medical device companies, construction companies, product manufacturers, transportation agricultural and technology companies. Chris has successfully represented beneficiaries in trust actions, and minority shareholders in business disputes. Chris provides advice to general counsel in the areas of legal and regulatory compliance, records management and document retention, particularly in the evolving area of cyber security. Chris has also worked with human resources and general counsel in labor and employment matters.

Chris is a Fellow of the American College of Coverage Counsel, a Vice Chair (and former Chair) of the Insurance Coverage Litigation Committee of the ABA, and a Program Committee Member of the Minnesota Chapter of the Risk and Insurance Management Society, Inc. (RIMS).

#### Representative Experience:

- Obtained jury verdict in Federal Court on behalf of a policy holder who was falsely accused of fraud by insurer, and was granted leave to pursue a claim for bad faith.
- Provided counsel to clients on litigation strategy, ownership interests, cyber security and threats, compliance, and issues relating to mergers and acquisition.
- Obtained \$2,000,000 jury verdict on behalf of homeowners' association in coverage action against property insurer, where additional claim for bad faith claim added and tried before case settled.
- Received award after trial of over \$290,000 on behalf of beneficiary against trustee, proving by clear and convincing evidence that trustee had breached fiduciary duty and acted in bad faith.
- Obtained a jury verdict on claim for breach of covenant of good faith and fair dealing on behalf of corporate policyholder sued for breach of contract by insurer, where insurer sought \$250,000. Successfully defended verdict on appeal.
- Provided advice and counseling in employment matter relating to pension and application of seniority, reviewed investigation findings, worked with human resources and general counsel to negotiate severance.

# Christopher Yetka

Continued

## **Representative Experience:**

- Advised clients on issues of compliance and regulation, including HIPAA, relating to cyber security, records management, document retention and notification.
- Managed numerous matters obtaining defense from insurance carriers who initially denied their duty, and obtained six-figure settlement on behalf of company under its crime insurance policy.
- Resolved large financial bond claim based on theft from employee at bank, advised and counseled client on regulatory compliance, litigation hold, legal obligations and records management.
- Obtained summary judgment for numerous financial institutions, stemming from nationwide Ponzi scheme.
- Obtained summary judgment for furnace manufacturer in gas explosion case (upheld on appeal).