

Christopher D. Adams

PARTNER

99 Wood Avenue South
Iselin, New Jersey 08830
T: 732.476.2692
F: 732.476.2693
cadams@greenbaumlaw.com



I've always been drawn to the notion of defending the underdog, and believe that my success as a criminal defense lawyer stems largely from my willingness to challenge (and hopefully defy) the odds on behalf of my clients. In my line of work, it's essential to project confidence when you're positioned between an accused individual and the state or federal government.

Mr. Adams concentrates his practice in the areas of criminal defense, internal investigations, attorney ethics matters and disciplinary proceedings, and complex commercial litigation. With a national practice that has encompassed the representation of high profile individuals, Mr. Adams has served as counsel to professional athletes, elected officials and candidates for public office, political campaigns, and numerous public and private business entities.

In the healthcare sector, Mr. Adams has successfully defended physicians charged with crimes in federal and state court, as well as in front of the Board of Medical Examiners (BME). He has negotiated the relicensure of physicians whose licenses were revoked by the BME and assisted in the development of re-entry plans in conjunction with the BME and the Office of the Attorney General. In addition, he has defended physicians in Medicare debarment proceedings and negotiated their re-entry into the Medicare program.

With a demonstrated track record of success in taking on difficult matters, Mr. Adams has tried cases in state and federal courts throughout the country. His experience includes appearances before the U.S. District Courts for the District of New Jersey, Northern District of California,

Departments

Litigation
Healthcare

Practice Groups

Criminal Defense &
Regulatory Compliance

Education

Seton Hall University School
of Law, J.D., 1998
University of West Virginia,
B.A. *cum laude*, 1995

Bar Admissions

New Jersey, 1999
U.S. District Court, District of
New Jersey, 1999
U.S. Court of Appeals, Third
Circuit, 1999

Middle District of Florida, Northern District of Illinois, District of South Dakota, and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. He has argued significant matters before the New Jersey Supreme Court and Appellate Division, and before other state courts including those in Florida and Alabama.

Results may vary depending on your particular facts and legal circumstances.

HONORS & AWARDS

- Recipient of the Professional Lawyer of the Year Award from the Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and the New Jersey Commission on Professionalism in the Law (2017)
- Listed in *Chambers USA* (a publication of Chambers and Partners) in the Litigation: White-Collar Crime & Government Investigations practice area (2022 - present)
- Listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® (a trademark of Woodward/White, Inc.) in the Criminal Defense: General Practice and Criminal Defense: White-Collar practice areas (2022 - present)
- Selected by *Best Lawyers*® as Woodbridge "Lawyer of the Year" in Criminal Defense: General Practice (2023) and Criminal Defense: White-Collar (2024)
- Listed in *New Jersey Super Lawyers* (a Thomson Reuters business) in the Criminal Defense and Criminal Defense: White Collar practice areas (2012 – present)
- Martindale-Hubbell® Peer Review Rated AV® Preeminent (a trademark of Internet Brands, Inc.) (2010 - present)
- Included by the *New Jersey Law Journal* (a publication of ALM Media Properties, LLC) on its 2007 "40 Under 40" list (now "New Leaders of the Bar")
- Recipient of the New Jersey Bar Association's Young Lawyer Professional Achievement Award (2006)

Please visit our Award Methodology page for a description of the standard or methodology on which these accolades are based. Attorney Advertising: No aspect of this advertisement has been approved by the Supreme Court of New Jersey.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Results may vary depending on your particular facts and legal circumstances.

- Representation of a New Jersey contractor charged with theft by deception related to work performed by defendant's company following Superstorm Sandy.
- Ongoing representation of one of the country's leading installers of artificial turf in numerous matters, including regulatory investigations, bid challenges and litigation with competitors.
- Representation of an international hospitality company in a federal criminal investigation involving various individuals within the company.

Christopher D. Adams (Cont.)

- Representation of the principal of a privately held company in the construction and demolition industry who is the target of a federal criminal investigation by the U.S. Department of Justice.
- Representation of the Board of Education president of a New Jersey municipality, who is the focus of federal and state investigations surrounding his actions as a public official.
- Representation of a defendant charged by the State of New Jersey with criminal possession of numerous assault weapons.
- Representation of a large public university through the General Counsel's office in an investigation into allegations raised by the university's ethics and compliance office. Investigation involved data and document review, as well as witness interviews.
- Representation of a large international healthcare company in a confidential investigation involving a U.S. based distribution center and an office location. Investigation involved data and document review, witness interviews, and coordination with law enforcement.

UNIQUELY NJ

- Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers of New Jersey: past President (2016-2017) and Trustee Emeritus
- Association of the Federal Bar of New Jersey
- New Jersey State Bar Association
- Monmouth Bar Association
- New Jersey Supreme Court Committee on Model Criminal Jury Charges (past Member)
- New Jersey Supreme Court Committee on Jury Selection in Civil and Criminal Trials (past Member)
- New Jersey Chief Justice's Joint Committee on Criminal Justice (past Member)
- New Jersey Office of Attorney Ethics District V-C Ethics Committee (past Member)

MORE ACTIVITIES & EXPERIENCE

- National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
- American Bar Association
- Mr. Adams is the former general counsel of a private corporation operating in a highly regulated industry
- While attending law school, Mr. Adams served as President of the Seton Hall Law Student Bar Association

PRESENTATIONS & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Moderator/Panelist, Key Insights on White-Collar Criminal and Regulatory Investigations & Defense
Sponsor: *New Jersey State Bar Association*, May 16, 2024

Presenter, The Challenges of Crisis Lawyering: Ethical and Practical Considerations for Handling
Emergency Situations
Sponsor: *Association of Corporate Counsel New Jersey*, September 14, 2023

Co-Presenter, The Federal Government is Taking Aim at PPP Loan and COVID Relief Payment Fraud: What
ALL Healthcare Businesses That Received Pandemic Relief Funds Need to Know
Sponsor: *New Jersey Chapter – Healthcare Financial Management Association*, October 27, 2022

Co-Presenter, Risks from Serving More than One Master – Practicing Law Without a License, Outside Civil
Exposure and Other Pitfalls for In-House Counsel
Sponsor: *Association of Corporate Counsel New Jersey*, September 13, 2022

Presenter, What ALL Business Owners Who Received Pandemic Relief Funds Need to Know about the
Government's Crackdown on PPP Loan Fraud
Sponsor: *New Jersey Business & Industry Association*, June 29, 2022

Panelist, 2022 White Collar Crime Symposium
Sponsor: *New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education*, May 25, 2022

Lecturer, Legal Implications of the Opioid Crisis for Physicians
Sponsor: *New York and New Jersey Societies of Interventional Pain Physicians (NYSIPP & NJSIPP)*,
November 6, 2021

Speaker, Insurance Coverage Issues and Defending Your Rights in the Age of COVID-19
Sponsor: *Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP, NJ Hospital Association, NJ Healthcare Financial
Management Association, Medical Society of NJ, and NJ Dental Association*, July 1, 2020

Speaker, Employment Law and the Federal Court
Sponsor: *New Jersey State Bar Association 2020 Annual Meeting and Convention*, May 14, 2020

Panelist, The Nuts and Bolts of Federal Practice: Everything You Need To Know To Handle Federal Matters
With Confidence
Sponsor: *New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education*, November 4, 2019

Panelist, Federal Practice Insights for the Federal Practitioner
Sponsor: *New Jersey State Bar Association Federal Practice and Procedure Section*, October 15, 2019

PUBLICATIONS & ALERTS

Co-Author, Eighth Circuit Imposes New “But-For” Causation Standard for False Claims Act Cases Premised on Anti-Kickback Violations, Causes Circuit Court Split
Garden State Focus, Winter 2022

Co-Author, Eighth Circuit Imposes Stricter Causation Standard for FCA Cases Premised on Anti-Kickback Violations
Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP Healthcare Perspectives Blog, November 15, 2022

Co-Author, Eighth Circuit Imposes “But-For” Causation Standard for False Claims Act Cases Premised on Anti-Kickback Violations, Causes Circuit Court Split
Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP Client Alert, November 15, 2022

Co-Author, DOJ Announces COVID-19 Fraud Strike Force Teams; Targets PPP Lender as Government Enforcement Actions Continue to Escalate
Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP Healthcare Perspectives Blog, October 5, 2022

Author, DOJ Enforcement Actions Alleging PPP Loan and Healthcare-Related COVID-19 Fraud Continue to Rise
NJHFMA Garden State FOCUS, Summer 2022

Co-Author, An Update on DOJ Enforcement Actions Alleging PPP Loan and Healthcare-Related COVID-19 Fraud
Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP Healthcare Perspectives Blog, July 3, 2022

Author, SCOTUS Strikes Down New York’s “Proper Cause” Requirement for Concealed Carry Firearm Permits as Violation of Second & Fourteenth Amendments
Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP Client Alert, June 23, 2022

Author, DOJ and Federal Law Enforcement Agencies Coordinate Efforts in Expanded Pursuit of Healthcare-Related COVID-19 Fraud
Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP Client Alert, June 20, 2022

Co-Author, U.S. Department of Justice Takes Aim at Extensive PPP Loan Fraud: Is Focusing its Lens on the Construction Industry
Dimensions, Spring 2022

Co-Author, U.S. Department of Justice Takes Aim at Extensive PPP Loan Fraud
Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP Client Alert, April 12, 2022

Author, Third Circuit Breaks New Ground for the Second Amendment in New Jersey
Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP Client Alert, August 19, 2021

Co-Author, Federal "No Surprises Act" Brings National Oversight of Unexpected Billing for Healthcare Services

Garden State Focus, Spring 2021

Co-Author, Federal "No Surprises Act" Brings National Oversight of Unexpected Billing for Healthcare Services

Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP Client Alert, March 2, 2021

Author, New Law and Attorney General Directive Serve to Vacate Prior NJ State Court Marijuana Possession Verdicts, Pleas, and Diversionary Programs

Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP Client Alert, February 24, 2021

Co-Author, New Jersey Supreme Court Opens Door for Release of Pre-Trial Detainees

Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP Client Alert, February 22, 2021

Author, Public Officials and Courts Acknowledge COVID-19 Risks for Incarcerated Individuals; Prisoners Seek Bail, Compassionate Release, Medical Furloughs, and Early Parole

Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP Client Alert, April 17, 2020

Author, Governor Murphy Signs Executive Order 124 Releasing Certain Low-Level State Prison Inmates to Curtail Spread of COVID-19

Greenbaum, Rowe Smith & Davis LLP Client Alert, April 13, 2020

Quoted, After 3rd Circuit Setback, Defense Lawyers Look for New Path for COVID-19 Compassionate Release

New Jersey Law Journal, April 6, 2020

Quoted, 'The Alternative Was Uncertain': Many Federal Criminal Proceedings to Go Remote

New Jersey Law Journal, April 2, 2020

Author, A Deeper Dive: Definitions and Consequences of "Price Gouging" During COVID-19 in NJ and the Greater Tri-State Area

Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP Client Alert, March 31, 2020

Author, New Jersey Supreme Court Takes Unprecedented Action of Releasing Inmates from County Jails in Response to COVID-19 Crisis

Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP Client Alert, March 25, 2020

Featured, Taking a Risk in Law: The Keys Behind Starting Your Own Firm and Marking Your Legal Footprint
Lawyer Monthly, September 2017

NEWS

Thirty-Four Attorneys from Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis Selected for Inclusion in 2024 Edition of New Jersey Super Lawyers
March 26, 2024

2024 Edition of *Best Lawyers* Recognizes 59 Attorneys in 38 Practice Areas: Twelve Greenbaum Lawyers Recognized on “Ones to Watch” List; Five Selected for “Lawyer of the Year” Recognition
August 17, 2023

2023 Chambers USA Guide Ranks Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis in Key Practice Areas and Recognizes 22 Attorneys as Leading Individuals
June 9, 2023

2023 Edition of *Best Lawyers* Recognizes 51 Attorneys in 36 Practice Areas: Nine Greenbaum Lawyers Recognized on “Ones to Watch” List; Seven Selected for “Lawyer of the Year” Recognition
August 18, 2022