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Summary

Chris Fonzone is a national security lawyer with substantial experience advising senior clients on a wide range of domestic and international legal issues, including cybersecurity and data protection, military and intelligence operations, litigation and other forms of dispute resolution, foreign trade sanctions, and Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS) matters. He also has particular experience assisting clients in the management of crisis situations.

Chris's practice draws on the perspective he gained from substantial government service, including as Deputy Assistant and Deputy Counsel to President Obama and the Legal Adviser to the National Security Council (NSC). Before his time in the White House, Chris worked at the Departments of Justice and Defense. Chris has also lectured and taught classes on national security law at a variety of law schools, and his writing on national security topics has appeared in various forums.

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Experience

Sidley Austin LLP
Partner
November 2017 - Present (6 years)
Washington D.C. Metro Area

J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board
Board Member
January 2017 - April 2019 (2 years 4 months)
Washington D.C. Metro Area

National Security Council, The White House
Deputy Assistant and Deputy Counsel to the President, NSC Legal
Adviser
2013 - 2017 (4 years)
Washington D.C. Metro Area

U.S. Department of Justice
Attorney-Adviser, Office of Legal Counsel
2012 - 2012 (less than a year)
Washington D.C. Metro Area

United States Department of Defense
Special Counsel, Office of the General Counsel
2010 - 2012 (2 years)
Washington D.C. Metro Area

Supreme Court of the U.S.
Law Clerk to Associate Justice Stephen G. Breyer
2009 - 2010 (1 year)
Washington D.C. Metro Area

U.S. Department of Justice
Attorney, Appellate Staff, Civil Division
2008 - 2009 (1 year)
Washington D.C. Metro Area

U.S. Court of Appeals
Law Clerk to Judge J. Harvie Wilkinson III
2007 - 2008 (1 year)
Charlottesville, Virginia Area

Novantas
Principal & Engagement Manager
2000 - 2004 (4 years)
Greater New York City Area

Education

Harvard Law School
J.D., magna cum laude · (2004 - 2007)

Cornell University

B.A., English (cum laude) and Economics · (1994 - 1998)