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Christopher Riggs, a native New Jerseyan, has been practicing law in the state for eight years. After graduating Florida Coastal School of Law, he started his legal career as a law clerk for the Honorable Jean B. McMaster in Gloucester County Superior Court, Civil Division in 2014.

In 2015 he joined the New Jersey Attorney General's Office as deputy attorney general in the Tort Litigation section of the Division of Law. During his time in that role, he successfully defended *Holland v Rosen* - a constitutional challenge to New Jersey's Criminal Justice Reform Act which prioritizes non-monetary conditions over monetary bail for pretrial release.

In 2018, Christopher was promoted to assistant section chief of the New Jersey Health and Human Services Department. There, he piloted the agency and the state's Department of Health through the novel legal issues that arose during the COVID-19 pandemic.

As chief counsel at the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission he is tasked with establishing and enforcing the laws, rules, and regulations governing all aspects of the state's cannabis marketplace. His oversight includes, but is not limited to, licensing, testing, selling, and buying cannabis in New Jersey.

Chris is the married father of three children, and is a volunteer coach for youth ice hockey and baseball.