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OVERVIEW

Chris is a partner in the Finance & Banking Practice Group. He devotes his practice to representing institutional clients in financing transactions with a broad range of borrowers, including venture capital funds and other private equity funding entities, high-net-worth individuals, public and private corporations, life science and technology companies, and real estate investment funds.

Chris has extensive experience structuring, documenting, and negotiating capital call lines of credit, subscription-based credit facilities and other fund level financing, management company facilities, and technology and venture debt transactions. His work involves both domestic and international transactions, including secured financings in the Cayman Islands, British Virgin Islands, North America, and Europe.

Chris is active in firm leadership, serving as a member of the firm's Nominating Committee, Associate Development Committee, and West Coast Recruiting Committee.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Represented lender clients as first-chair in more than 1,000 capital call lines of credit, subscription-based credit facilities, and management company facilities, ranging from \$500,000 to \$500 million.
- Represented a bank lender in a \$500 million umbrella facility to more than 40 onshore and offshore loan parties.
- Represented a bank lender in a \$203 million facility restructure.
- Represented a bank lender in a \$100 million line of credit, including a \$20 million channel finance sublimit.
- Represented a bank lender in a \$25 million line of credit to an international fine wine retailer in New York and Hong Kong.
- Represented a bank lender in a bridge loan guaranteed by various venture capital investors and secured by funds pledged by additional venture capital investors.
- Represented a bank lender in growth capital term loans and lines of credit to various U.S. and foreign technology companies ranging from \$500,000 to \$50 million.

AWARDS

- *Best Lawyers in America®: Ones to Watch: Banking and Finance Law* (2024-2026)
- Leadership Council on Legal Diversity fellow (2022)

TOP AREAS OF FOCUS

- Asset-Based Lending
- Finance + Banking
- Fund Finance
- Investment Funds + Investment Management Services
- Life Sciences Lending
- Technology + Venture Lending

ALL AREAS OF FOCUS

- Asset-Based Lending
- Finance + Banking
- Financial Services
- Fund Finance
- Investment Funds + Investment Management Services
- Life Sciences Lending
- Private Equity
- Technology + Venture Lending

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Legal extern, Inter-American Development Bank, Non-Sovereign Guaranteed Operations Division
- Legal extern, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, Division of Investment Management

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- American University Washington College of Law, J.D., 2012
- Fordham University, B.A., 2009

BAR ADMISSIONS

- California
- District of Columbia

PUBLICATIONS

- Assisted in updating several chapters of the *Commercial Loan Documentation Guide* and *Commercial Finance Guide* (LexisNexis), February 2016.
- Co-author, "With Sequester, Government Contracting Officers May Insist on Strict Compliance," Troutman Sanders Advisory, March 4, 2013.