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OVERVIEW

Christopher serves clients across a wide range of real estate matters involving the acquisition, disposition, leasing, financing, and development of commercial properties, with a concentration on multifamily and industrial sites located in the Sun Belt region of the U.S. He counsels clients at every stage of the transaction, from contract negotiations to closing, and pre-development to operation.

Before joining the firm, Christopher served as a full-time public interest attorney at Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas, where he managed a caseload of more than 100 legal aid matters and authored its first-ever comprehensive practice guide to Texas occupational/essential needs licenses and license suspensions. He remains actively involved in pro bono activities, such as advising Advocates for Community Transformation clients concerning public nuisance complaints.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- First-chair counsel in purchases and leasing of large portfolios of warehouse sites in the greater Atlanta metropolitan area.
- Representation of a national developer in the acquisition and pre-development phases of a $120 million apartment complex in Dallas.
- Representation of a nationally recognized real estate holdings company in a multitier transaction involving 2,200 acres of raw land for mixed-use development in North Texas.
- Counsel for a Texas developer in construction financing deals for multifamily projects throughout North and Central Texas.
- Assisted in the representation of a global real estate asset manager in various acquisitions and loans involving multifamily and industrial properties in Arizona, California, Nevada, and Texas.

AWARDS

- *D Magazine*, Best Lawyers Under 40 (2022)
- *Best Lawyers in America*® Ones to Watch: Real Estate Law (2021-2026)

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TOP AREAS OF FOCUS

- Real Estate

PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Advisor, Marbridge Foundation Board Real Estate Committee
- Member, Dallas Bar Association
- Member, State Bar of Texas
- Life fellow, Dallas Association of Young Lawyers Foundation
  - Member, Foundation Grants Committee and Law Student Scholarships Committee
- Member, The Real Estate Council
- Associate, Patrick E. Higginbotham Inn of Court, 2017-2018

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Staff attorney, Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas, Dallas, 2017-2019; G. Rollie White Trust Fellow, 2016-2017; employment law practice team lead, 2018-2019

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- The University of Texas School of Law, J.D., *with honors*, 2015, editor-in-chief, *The American Journal of Criminal Law*; Equal Justice Scholar
- Tufts University, B.A., *magna cum laude*, 2012, peace and justice studies; Presidential Award for Citizenship and Public Service

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Texas

COURT ADMISSIONS

- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas

CLERKSHIPS

- Hon. Stephen Wm. Smith, U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas, 2015-2016

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- “The Haunting Appeal of Ghost Kitchens and Other Unconventional Retail Uses,” International Council of Shopping Centers Annual Law Conference, October 25-27, 2023.