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OVERVIEW

An attorney who cut his teeth during the Great Recession, Christopher represents clients throughout the insolvency process as well as those working with insolvent business partners.

Christopher guides clients in all facets of insolvency law, with a practice that covers much more than bankruptcy alone. Banks, private equity firms, mortgage companies, and other consumer lenders turn to Christopher for support in receiverships, workouts, loan enforcement, lender defense, collateral and asset recovery, and consumer finance defense. Clients, including those in the manufacturing sector, also rely on him to counsel them on various issues arising out of the Uniform Commercial Code in the midst of contract disputes, especially when those disputes involve complex code issues or solvency concerns.

In addition, Christopher is frequently called on to advise businesses whose customers or suppliers are insolvent, helping recover as much as possible. His practice also includes a growing number of Missouri cannabis receiverships, including a recent matter where the creditor client received full payment—a result that stands out in this emerging area.

Drawn to insolvency law during his student days thanks to its blend of statutory analysis and creative problem-solving, Christopher has devoted his entire career to the field. After graduating from law school field during the recession, he first joined the firm in 2010 in asset recovery and bankruptcy, before expanding into the broader world of insolvency. Christopher is extensively experienced with all

Industries

Manufacturing
Technology
Transportation

Services

Consumer Financial Services
Insolvency & Commercial Bankruptcy

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manner of insolvency matters, and years of experience in court and at hearings have made him a deeply confident and effective oral advocate.

Clients appreciate that Christopher takes the time to listen and understand overall business goals beyond the insolvency matter at hand. He aims to provide advice that not only fits the legal need but serves the client's broader business situation—balancing legal strategy with practical realities.

Experience

- Obtained summary judgment on all claims asserted against client in the mortgage banking industry in complex statewide class action regarding non-judicial foreclosures.
- Represented a lender in a cannabis receivership in which the lender was paid in full.
- Represented a lender in a food processing receivership in which the lender was paid in full.
- Obtained a decision from the Missouri Court of Appeals confirming that lenders have the right to rely on statements made by borrowers in the loan application process.

Recognition

- *The Best Lawyers in America®*
  - Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law, 2027
- *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America*
  - Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law, 2021-2025
- *Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers*
  - Rising Star, Creditor/Debtor Rights, 2018-2020

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Education

- J.D., Tulane University Law School
  - *cum laude*
  - Moot Court Board
  - *Tulane Journal of Technology & Intellectual Property*
- B.S., Miami University
  - Mass Communication

Admissions

- California
- Kansas
- Missouri
- Tennessee
- U.S. District Court, Central District of California
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of California
- U.S. District Court, District of Kansas
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Missouri
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Missouri
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Tennessee

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Community Leadership

Christopher served as an adjunct professor of business through Kansas City, Kansas Community College, where he taught courses in prisons, for six years. He has also served on the board of Kansas City's Hope Center since 2021.

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