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OVERVIEW

A corporate attorney and former in-house counsel, Chris helps public and private corporate clients navigate complex commercial transactions.

Clients in a variety of industries turn to Chris for general corporate counsel and commercial transactions. An experienced corporate attorney, Chris helps executives actualize ideas while mitigating legal risk. Chris is known for breaking down legal details of the most ambitious client projects while keeping long-range client goals on track. Chris has advised clients on and has drafted, reviewed, and negotiated documents in connection with many different transactions in the manufacturing, transportation, and renewable energy industries, including:

- Manufacturing supply agreements, asset purchase agreements, vendor agreements, procurement agreements, consignment agreements, and equipment sales and lease agreements with national manufacturing companies
- Multi-million dollar equipment purchase agreements with publicly traded companies in the transportation industry
- Joint venture agreements, feedstock supply agreements, interconnection agreements, offtake agreements, development agreements, ground leases, easements, and operations and maintenance agreements in connection with Renewable Natural Gas projects

Industry

Energy & Natural Resources

Services

Aviation
Biofuels, Biomass, & Landfill Gas
Commercial Contracting
Corporate
Energy Project Contracts
ESG Strategy & Compliance
Mergers & Acquisitions
Securities & Corporate Governance

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- Interconnection and operating agreements, carbon sequestration agreements, and associated agreements in connection with carbon capture and storage projects
- Letters of intent, membership interest purchase agreements, stock purchase agreements, and other M&A documentation in a variety of industries
- Software subscription and service agreements and other technology contracts with national manufacturing companies
- Sponsorship agreements, cause-marketing agreements, and related marketing contracts in the transportation industry

Chris counsels clients on corporate governance and day-to-day operations in addition to assisting them with subsidiary reorganizations, mergers, acquisitions, and dispositions. Clients value Chris's experience as associate general counsel to a regional energy and retail company. He's familiar with the legal demands that businesses face and brings this understanding to each deal and every client.

Case Study

Through G.I.F.T. Partnership, Husch Blackwell Provides Pro Bono Legal Support to Black-Owned Businesses, like Ruby Jean's Juicery, LLC

Our firm assisted with a number of matters, including lease and contract review, corporate restructuring, intellectual property protection and advice on future growth through franchising.

Experience

IN-HOUSE COUNSEL EXPERIENCE

- Family Express Corporation, Associate General Counsel, 2018-2019

RENEWABLE NATURAL GAS PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

- Represented a renewable natural gas developer in securing project-level agreements with a feedstock supplier, real estate owner and gas interconnect provider.

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Experience

- Represented a renewable natural gas developer in securing project-level agreements with feedstock suppliers, a real estate owner, gas interconnect provider and transportation provider.
- Represented a biofertilizer manufacturer in several commercial agreements related to a new manufacturing facility, including a consulting agreement, a services agreement for transportation advisement and an offtake agreement for the fertilizer.
- Represented an ethanol producer in drafting and negotiating a carbon sequestration agreement and a facilities interconnect and operating agreement in connection with a carbon capture and storage project.
- Represented a renewable natural gas developer in securing feedstock rights with multiple chicken litter suppliers.
- Represented developer in acquisition of multimillion-dollar existing anaerobic digester on dairy farm and negotiated manure supply agreement and ground lease.
- Represented developer in biogas supply agreement and construction of biogas conditioning and upgrading equipment on dairy farm.
- Represented large developer in multiple RNG projects with dairy farms across the country, negotiating manure supply agreements, ground leases, easements and development of anaerobic digestion facilities and equipment.
- Represented developer in negotiations with large food processing company for disposal of organic residuals for use in RNG anaerobic digestion facilities

BUSINESS ACQUISITIONS AND DISPOSITIONS

- Represented RNG developer in eight-figure sale of four dairy RNG projects to publicly traded buyer.
- Represented RNG developer in joint venture with large utilities company involving developer contribution of seven separate dairy RNG projects.

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Experience

- Represented purchaser of car wash business in acquisition of equipment, building and commercial real estate.
- Navigated 14 shareholders of manufacturing company in stock divestiture.
- Represented retail client in $6.5M asset divestiture, including transferring of franchise rights, inventory, equipment, buildings and real estate.
- Represented service company in asset acquisition with earnout based on future revenue.
- Represented regional transportation company in asset acquisition and transfer of operational authority from state public service commission.
- Represented retail company in all phases of asset disposition, including negotiating lease assignment.

COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS

- Represented publicly traded manufacturing company in multiple seven-figure sales agreements for equipment and software.
- Negotiated exclusive and nonexclusive distribution agreements with domestic and foreign manufacturers on behalf of scientific instrument distribution company.
- Settled environmental matter and coordinated remediation services with environmental consultant.
- Represented regional equipment distributor in subcontract agreement with general contractor in prime contract with municipal client.
- As part of larger team, reviewed, revised and negotiated multiple procurement contracts for international equipment provider.
- Assisted in reviewing and revising numerous credit card processing agreements with large national companies.

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Experience

COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE

- Represented purchaser in acquisition of large apartment complex for $6,500,000+.
- Represented purchaser in acquisition of two commercial properties for $1,500,000+.
- Represented client in successful rezoning application before local and county governmental bodies.
- As part of larger team, implemented acquisition of 100+ acres of real estate for development of light industrial and residential planned unit development (PUD) .
- Represented real estate holding company in lease with large out-of-state corporation for $10M development of senior living facilities, from city zoning compliance, project oversight to company affiliate lease rights.
- Represented regional transportation company in all phases of leasing commercial property with 5-year option to purchase.

Recognition

- *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America*
  - Corporate Law, 2023-2025
  - Mergers and Acquisitions Law, 2023-2025
- *The Legal 500 United States*
  - Recommended Attorney, 2023
- Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers
  - Rising Star, Mergers & Acquisitions, 2022-2024
- Nebraska State Bar Association Leadership Academy Fellow, 2015-2016

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Education

- J.D., University of Nebraska College of Law
  - with Distinction
  - *Nebraska Law Review*, Senior Member, Executive Editor
- M.B.A., University of Nebraska-Lincoln College of Business
- B.S., Brigham Young University
  - Economics major, Business Management minor
- Certification of Completion, University of Oxford Smith School of Enterprise and the Environment
  - Pinsent Masons Climate & Sustainability Accelerator Program

Admissions

- Missouri
- Nebraska

Community Leadership

Having attained the rank of Eagle Scout in his teens, Chris went on to serve as a Cubmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster from 2012 through 2017 with the Boy Scouts of America. He also volunteered his time and talents to a transitional women's shelter, Fresh Start, Inc, from 2016 to 2018, serving on the Board of Directors and as Chair of the Finance and Personnel Committee. Chris is currently active in his church, is on the board of directors for the Downtown Springfield Association, and connects with the Springfield start-up community by volunteering his time at the efactory with Missouri State University.

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