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OVERVIEW

Formerly senior counsel for a leading energy-from-waste and industrial waste management services company, Chris knows a thing or two about integrating transactions with a business's needs.

Now in private practice, he uses the same successful formula when serving the firm's clients: (1) understand the client's business needs; (2) identify and mitigate risks in a given transaction; and (3) advise and guide the client toward the project's completion.

A transactional attorney in the energy and natural resources space who joined Husch Blackwell in 2023, Chris works on all types of business agreements that keep projects moving forward. He concentrates his practice in energy-from-waste transactions with a focus on agricultural waste, as well as real estate and project development in the solar and wind areas. Chris develops agreements to acquire fuel for energy conversion and offtake. He also works on real estate or lease agreements; engineering, procurement, and construction (EPC) contracts; operations and maintenance (O&M) agreements; and contracts that involve any other commercial business needs during the life cycle of a given project. If a contract is required, Chris has it covered.

During his time as an in-house generalist within a large corporation, Chris obtained a degree of fluency in areas beyond law, including tax, accounting, and corporate operations. As such, he understands the client experience and how best to pursue business goals. It pleases Chris when he can empower clients, especially those who fear their lack of experience in an issue may

Industry

Energy & Natural Resources

Services

Biofuels, Biomass, & Landfill Gas

Carbon Capture & Sequestration

Commercial Contracting

Corporate

Energy Storage

hinder an outcome. Providing guidance until they become comfortable with the subject matter results in efficiency and trust.

Experience

- Represented extended producer responsibility/reverse logistics client in operation of manufacturing and logistics portfolio in Minnesota.
- Supported lead counsel in representation of solar owner/operator client in acquisition of two ground-mounted solar arrays.
- Supported lead counsel in representation of solar owner/operator client in acquisition of a behind-the-meter floating and ground-mounted solar project.
- Supported lead counsel in representation of solar owner/operator client in acquisition of a solar project to be situated on a closed municipal landfill.
- Reviewed and negotiated commercial contracts for EPR packaging data products client.
- Performed due diligence analysis and lease drafting for renewable energy developer client.
- Ash and reclaimed metals processing project: Negotiated and drafted site lease, EPC agreement, O&M agreement, technology license, and sales agreements.
- Mobile ash processing systems siting: Drafted site licenses.
- Environmental solutions business line M&A strategy: Handled 12 transactions, drafting and reviewing equity and asset purchases.
- UK EFW development: Assisted in preparing fuel supply agreements, PPA development, O&M agreement, and direct agreements.
- Ash monofill mining joint venture: Negotiated and drafted LLC agreement, O&M agreement, and EPC agreement.

Experience

- Commercial transactions/agreements across multiple business lines (waste disposal, REC trades, metal sale, procurement, SaaS, managed service provider, technology licensing):
Drafted and negotiated various agreements including technology licenses, metal sales, electronic waste recycling, waste disposal, waste transportation, consulting, and professional service agreements.

Education

- J.D., Vanderbilt University Law School
- B.A., Johns Hopkins University

Admissions

- Massachusetts



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