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Practices

FOCUS: Corporate

Corporate Governance

Entrepreneurial Ventures

Financial Markets and Funds

Investment Management and Funds

Mergers and Acquisitions

Private Equity

Real Estate

Industries

Insurance Private Equity

Technology

Education

JD, Brooklyn Law School

BA, Boston University

Bar Admissions

New York

Clients depend on Christopher Isaacs for a wide range of transactional matters, with a particular focus on transactions involving financial services industry participants. Chris has a deep understanding of the commercial needs of his clients and is adept at tailoring solutions for each individual transaction. He regularly advises private equity funds and their portfolio companies, asset managers, financial technology firms, banks and early-stage companies and their investors as they undertake complex, often transformational transactions.

A proven closer

Chris understands that the lodestar for a deal attorney is achieving success for his clients while minimizing transactional risk. Because many of the transactions on which he advises have a regulatory overlay, Chris has an appreciation for the daunting complexities faced by heavily regulated clients. Such clients usually have two, often competing, stakeholders — their investors and other equityholders, and the regulators that oversee their businesses. Chris is adept at creative solutions to achieve the goals of all stakeholders in a deal and get to closing as quickly and efficiently as possible, while keeping in mind the big-picture commercial drivers underpinning each transaction.

Chris has experience with both domestic and cross-border transactions. He has advised on asset and equity transactions, both buyouts and minority investments, on both the buy and sell sides and on behalf of both strategic and financial parties, as well as joint ventures, reorganizations and restructurings, and other matters relating to general corporate and securities law. In addition to his work for financial industry clients, Chris has experience in the automotive, energy and technology sectors.

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Representative Experience

- Represented a real estate investment manager in its sale to a European private equity fund.*
- Represented an investor group led by a private equity manager in the sale of an auto finance company.*
- Represented an international bioscience investment firm in its sale to a global private equity manager.*
- Represented a Latin American financial technology company in a reorganization and equity financing round.*
- Represented a leading wine importer in the sale of a majority equity stake to an Italian private equity fund.*
- Represented a leading independent private financial services firm in various acquisitions of investment advisors and in connection with multiple equity financing rounds.*
- Represented a private equity fund in its investment in an insurance technology firm.*
- Represented the portfolio company of a private equity fund in its acquisition of a customer relationship management software company and an enterprise resource planning software company.*
- Represented a private financial services firm in a minority equity investment by an independent alternative asset manager.*
- Represented a faith-based service organization in various strategic investments and restructurings of asset managers.*
- Represented a private equity firm in its minority equity investment in a leading real estate investment manager.*
- Represented a financial services holding company in its investment in a sports insurance specialist.*
- Represented a private investment and advisory firm in its acquisition of a

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social and collaborative learning provider.*

- Represented a mutual fund investment adviser in its sale of illiquid debt and equity assets to a specialist asset manager.*
- Represented a syndicate of distressed asset investment funds in connection with a restructuring of two leading global energy companies.*
- Represented a private equity fund in its acquisition of a chain of automotive leasing dealerships.*
- Represented a leading global accounting firm in its acquisition of a German technology provider with offices in Switzerland and the United States.*

*Experience prior to Katten

News

- Katten Grows its Mergers and Acquisitions/Private Equity Team (May 2, 2022)