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BIOGRAPHY

Christopher Fisher's practice focuses primarily in the banking and real estate areas with an emphasis in commercial lending, commercial workout and restructuring, asset-based lending, factoring and commercial leasing. Chris represents lenders and borrowers in developing, drafting, negotiating and maintaining commercial loan documentation. He regularly represents lenders and distressed borrowers in crisis management and strategic planning in connection with distressed credit defaults. His work includes negotiating and documenting forbearance agreements, workout agreements, turnaround plans and other related agreements and documentation. In addition to standard commercial and industrial matters, Chris represents national and regional lenders in specialized finance, workout and restructuring matters including hotel, aircraft, golf course, sports franchise, oilfield services and other complex commercial transactions and workouts.

Chris has experience in the representation of commercial real estate investors and operators in leasing, development, financing, construction and other real estate matters. He has represented private owners and non-profit entities in multifamily acquisition, sale, refinance and preservation. Chris represents regional, national and international lending institutions in a wide variety of commercial real estate loan transactions, workouts and restructurings.

Chris was formerly a certified Minnesota arbitrator and is a former elected official in the City of Parkville, Missouri. He is published on the topic of conflict management and theory in the area of Major League Baseball labor relations. He currently serves as the Vice President of the Executive Board of the Kansas City Metropolitan Crime Commission, is a long-standing member of the Civic Advisory Board of Park University and is the Chairman of the Parkville, Missouri Ethics Commission. He is a member of the real estate and business law sections of the American Bar Association, Missouri Bar Association, Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association and Minnesota State Bar Association.

CIVIC INVOLVEMENT & HONORS

- *The Best Lawyers in America*, Banking and Finance Law (2020-2024)

ADMISSIONS

- Texas, 2023
- Missouri, 1997
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit

EDUCATION

Hamline University, J.D., *cum laude*, 1995

University of Minnesota, B.A., 1992

RELATED PRACTICE AREAS

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U.S. - COVID-19 Paycheck Protection Program: PPP Loan Forgiveness And Loan Review Regs Answer More Questions

The Small Business Administration's ("SBA") release of an Interim Final Rule on loan forgiveness and an Interim Final Rule on SBA loan review procedures, each under the Paycheck Protection Program ("PPP"), add additional clarity to the PPP loan forgiveness application previously released. Although the interim final rule promises that it provides "a high degree of certainty to PPP borrowers," all borrowers should continue to consult their lawyers and accounting professionals as they prepare to apply for loan forgiveness. Borrowers should remain aware that the official guidance is changing weekly, if not daily. We continue to note that the applications for PPP loans were revised after being initially provided, and while we have no reason to believe the loan forgiveness application will necessarily be revised at this point, the possibility remains.

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May 19, 2020

Paycheck Protection Program Loan Forgiveness Application Answers Many Questions— But Not All

The Small Business Administration's ("SBA") release of its official loan forgiveness application under the Paycheck Protection Program ("PPP," Section 1102 of the CARES Act) answered a number of questions that borrowers and their legal and accounting advisers had regarding the program. But the application also leaves some questions unanswered, and borrowers, their lawyers, and their accountants are eagerly awaiting the release of promised loan forgiveness regulations that are expected to be posted online in coming days or weeks on Treasury's website. Borrowers should consult all existing regulations and guidance as they prepare to apply for PPP loans and as they prepare to apply for loan forgiveness. What follows is a high-level discussion of what we have observed in the latest guidance, but borrowers should be aware that the official federal guidance is changing weekly if not daily, and, depending on the com...

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