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Summary

Christopher is an Associate Attorney in Jones & Keller's Banking, Lending & Financial Institutions, Business, Corporate & Transactions, and Securities & Finance practice groups. Christopher specializes in the representation of financial institutions with regard to regulatory matters, mergers and acquisitions, commercial lending transactions, and operational matters. In addition, Christopher represents public and private entities in several industries with regard to organizational formation and structure, venture and equity capital, public offerings and private placements of debt and equity securities, securities filings and periodic reporting, corporate governance, mergers and acquisitions, and other general business transactions.

Prior to joining Jones & Keller, Christopher served as Vice President and Assistant General Counsel at NBH Bank, a regional bank with operations in Colorado, Kansas, Missouri and Texas, where he advised members of executive management on legal issues pertaining to banking and financial regulation, commercial and consumer lending, employment law, litigation, privacy and information security, and real estate. In addition, Christopher counseled his client regarding public company matters including corporate governance and application of SEC regulations to the Bank's publicly-traded parent company, National Bank Holdings Corporation. Christopher also assisted with several major corporate transactions and events including National Bank Holdings Corporation's initial public offering in 2012 and issuer tender offer in 2015. Christopher was also instrumental in NBH Bank's upgrade of its core operating platform as well as its conversion from a national bank charter to a Colorado state-charter, both in 2015.

Significant Representations

Assists NYSE and NASDAQ listed public companies with reporting obligations under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Borrower's counsel in negotiation and documentation of a \$30 million revolving line of credit facility.

Issuer's counsel in \$350 million private offering of Senior Secured Notes and refinancing of a \$50 million revolving line of credit facility.

Issuer's counsel in \$5.2 million secondary public offering.

Lender's counsel in \$30 million refinancing and consolidation of loans on several commercial properties in Northern Colorado.

Lender's counsel in negotiation and documentation of \$12.9 million construction to

PRACTICE AREAS:

Banking, Lending & Financial Institutions

Business & Corporate

Real Estate

Securities & Finance

EDUCATION:

J.D., Michigan State University College of Law

B.A., Michigan State University

LICENSED IN:

Colorado

permanent financing for development of a hotel project in Lakewood, Colorado.

Lender's counsel in negotiation and documentation of \$27 million construction to permanent financing for development of a hotel project in downtown Denver, Colorado.

Seller's counsel in sale of regional occupational healthcare provider to national operator of occupational health and urgent care centers (asset sale).

Seller's counsel in sale of SEC registered investment advisory firm to regional bank holding company (asset sale).

Honors and Distinctions

Colorado Super Lawyers®, Rising Stars 2018

Presentations and Publications

"Cybersecurity and the Community Bank", Colorado Bar Association Financial Institutions Subsection CLE Luncheon Series, April 2018 (faculty).

"NYDFS Proposed Cybersecurity Regulations", The Independent Report, March/April 2017, (author).

"Summary of Recent Proposed Regulations on Cybersecurity at the Federal and State Level", Independent Bankers of Colorado IT Conference, November 2016 (speaker).

"Cybersecurity and the Community Bank" Colorado Banker, May/June 2016 (author).

Issue Team Member, M&A Carveout Transactions Deal Points Study, a project of the Market Trends Subcommittee of the Mergers and Acquisitions Committee of the American Bar Association, 2017.

Professional and Community Affiliations

Associate Board of Directors, Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Denver

Board of Directors, Michigan State University College of Law Alumni Association

American Bar Association

Colorado Bar Association

Denver Bar Association

Education

Christopher earned his J.D. from Michigan State University College of Law. During law school, Christopher served as a staff member on MSU's *Journal of Business and Securities Law*, and represented low-income clients in landlord-tenant matters through MSU's Housing Law Clinic.

Christopher earned his undergraduate degree from Michigan State University with dual majors in Political Science and Organizational Communication.

Personal

In his free time, Christopher enjoys traveling, backpacking, fly fishing, and skiing.

Awards

