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Chris Brown concentrates his practice on banking and finance. He has represented private equity sponsors and their portfolio companies, as well as public and private companies, in a wide variety of secured lending and other financing transactions. In addition, Chris has worked for many clients on matters involving general secured finance issues, debt restructurings and related corporate issues. His clients have included AEA Investors, Alterra Mountain Company, AMG, Angeles Equity Partners, Best Buy, BlackRock, Blackstone, Cimpress, Evercore Partners, Cohen & Steers, Frontdoor, Hershey, Ingersoll Rand, JLL Partners, KKR, KSL Capital Partners, Microsoft, New Mountain Capital, Primavera Capital Partners, Riverstone, Stonepeak Infrastructure Partners, Twitter and ZoomInfo.

Notable representations include:

- KKR in connection with the financing in support of its \$4.8 billion acquisition of Instructure Holdings, Inc. and \$4 billion acquisition of Broadcom Inc.'s End-User Computing Division
- BMC Software, Inc., a KKR portfolio company, in connection with a \$6.6 billion debt refinancing and subsequent \$5.9 billion first lien and \$750 million second lien refinancings
- Peloton Interactive, Inc. in connection with a \$1.35 billion debt refinancing
- KSL Capital Partners in connection with the financing related to its acquisition of Hersha Hospitality Trust in an all-cash transaction valued at \$1.4 billion
- Pacific Dental Services in connection with a \$1.35 billion debt refinancing
- Frontdoor, Inc. in connection with the financing in support of its acquisition of 2-10 Home Buyers Warranty in an all-cash transaction valued at \$585 million
- BlackRock Long Term Private Capital in the financing supporting its acquisition of GridTek Utility Services, a portfolio company of

Practice Focus:

- Corporate
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Corporate - M&A
- Banking and Credit
- Alternative Capital and Private Credit
- Acquisition Finance
- Registered Funds M&A
- Project Finance

Industries:

- Data Centers

First Reserve Corporation

- New Mountain Capital in the financings supporting several recent acquisitions, including Grant Thornton and Broadcast Music Inc.; and a growth investment in Datassential
- Alterra Mountain Company, a KSL portfolio company, in various debt financing transactions
- Apollo Global Management in connection with financing matters related to its strategic minority investment in PetSmart, forming a partnership with PetSmart's existing majority owner, BC Partners
- The Board of Directors of Twitter, Inc. in financing related matters relating to Twitter's acquisition by an entity wholly owned by Elon Musk
- Microsoft Corporation in certain financing matters relating to its \$75 billion acquisition of Activision Blizzard
- The Hershey Company in connection with its unsecured revolving credit facilities totaling \$2.85 billion
- Best Buy in various credit matters, including in its \$1.25 billion revolving credit facility
- ZoomInfo in various credit matters, including its \$500 million term loan facility and the financing for its acquisition of Chorus.ai
- Primavera Capital Group in the financings supporting its acquisition of the Greater China Business of Mead Johnson Nutrition Company and Spring Education Group

Chris received his J.D. in 2001 from University of Virginia School of Law. He received his A.B. from Princeton University in 1998. Chris is admitted to practice in the District of Columbia and New York.