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OVERVIEW

Chris Graham has nearly 40 years of experience representing clients in bankruptcy and insolvency matters. He focuses on the representation of secured creditors in Chapter 11 matters and also counsels creditors and shareholders, purchasers in bankruptcy 363 sales, outside board of director members of Chapter 11 debtors-in-possession, mezzanine lenders, trustees, receivers, state regulatory agencies, foreign liquidators in international cases, and debtors-in-possession. Chris is recognized for his particular experience in Chapter 11 cramdown plans and defenses and Chapter 9 municipal bankruptcies.

Chris also handles complex real estate foreclosures and related litigation in New York courts against hotels, commercial office buildings, co-ops, condos and construction sites. He has experience counseling receivers in state and federal receivership matters involving real estate, mortgage-backed securities and asset-backed securities and also handles related Uniform Commercial Code (UCC) foreclosures on equity interests and common stock.

Beyond his practice, Chris has served as an adjunct professor of bankruptcy law at St. John's University School of Law in New York since 1999.

RECOGNITION AND INVOLVEMENT

Chris is an AV® Preeminent rated by the Martindale-Hubbell peer review rating system. In 2025 and 2026, Chris was selected by his peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America*® list in the practice area of Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law. He was selected to *New York Magazine's Leading Lawyers* for 2018 and included in *New York Super Lawyers* from 2006 to 2020. Chris is a two-time member of the Board of Directors of the American Bankruptcy Institute. In 2012, he received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Bankruptcy Institute.

In addition to serving as adjunct professor of bankruptcy law at St. John's University School of Law, Chris serves as Advisory Board Member to the law school. He is Co-Chair of the Lawyers Committee of the John Jay Homestead in

PRACTICES

Corporate and Securities

Financial Restructuring and Bankruptcy

BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

New York

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. Tax Court

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York

U.S. District Court for the Western District of New York

U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado

U.S. District Court for the District of Hawaii

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of New York

U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York

U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of New York

U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Colorado

U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Hawaii

Katonah, New York.

Chris is a little league and youth soccer coach and an NFL Flag Football head and assistant coach for the Pound Ridge Recreation League.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Appointed by chief judge of the Southern District of New York as Examiner of Jesup & Lamont Securities, a 135-year-old Wall Street firm that had failed

Served as lead bankruptcy counsel to Suffolk Regional OTB in the largest Chapter 9 case confirmed in New York which resulted in a successful plan that paid creditors 100 percent

Represented the Government of Canada and its Industry Canada Ministry in multi-billion dollar joint cross-border financing alongside U.S. Treasury in GM and Chrysler Chapter 11 restructuring

Advised creditors, contract parties and asset purchasers in the Chapter 15 proceedings of Parmalat, Virgin Atlantic, Global Airlines and Millenium Global

Retained by the Danish bankruptcy receivers of Denmark's largest corporation to act as bankruptcy counsel in connection with the resolution of claims against the North American subsidiaries employing over 3,000 persons in the U.S. and Canada

Served as counsel to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) and Resolution Trust Corporation (RTC) in the Drexel Burnham Lambert case in New York

IN THE NEWS

Best Lawyers® Recognizes 40 White and Williams Lawyers
8.21.25

Best Lawyers® Recognizes 49 White and Williams Attorneys
8.15.24

Christopher Graham Quoted in Article on Russia's Tussle with Bondholders
BNN Bloomberg, 6.7.22

Christopher Graham Joins White and Williams in New York City
1.6.22

U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern
District of Michigan

EDUCATION

University of Pennsylvania Law School, JD,
1982

Georgetown University, BS, 1979, *magna
cum laude*

PUBLICATIONS

Key Decisions Shape Mass Tort Bankruptcy Landscape

The Legal Intelligencer, 8.22.25

Corporate Transparency Act – FinCEN Narrows Scope of Reporting Requirements and Extends Deadline

Business Department Alert, 3.27.25

Latest Corporate Transparency Act Update from FinCEN: Enforcement Paused, For Now

Business Department Alert, 3.3.25

Phoenix-Like: The Corporate Transparency Act Returns, Reporting Requirements Due March 21, 2025

Business Department Alert, 2.21.25

Corporate Transparency Act – Supreme Court Weighs In

Business Department Alert, 1.24.25

Corporate Transparency Act Déjà vu – The More Things Change The More They Stay The Same

Beneficial Ownership Information Reporting Requirements Paused (Again)

Client Alert, 12.27.24

Corporate Transparency Act – Fifth Circuit Lifts Preliminary Injunction – FinCEN Extends Deadline to January 13, 2025

Client Alert, 12.26.24

Federal Court Suspends Enforcement of the Corporate Transparency Act's Reporting Requirements

(Small Businesses Rejoice Early for the Holidays)

Business Department Alert, 12.9.24

A Funny Thing Happened to My Ground Lease in Bankruptcy Court

Financial Restructuring and Bankruptcy Alert, 11.5.24

SCOTUS Curtails Third-Party Releases, Prospectively Derails Mass Tort Chapter 11 Plans

Financial Restructuring and Bankruptcy Alert, 6.27.24

Supreme Court Endorses Broad Insurer Standing in Bankruptcy Reorganizations

Financial Restructuring and Bankruptcy Alert, 6.6.24

U.S. Supreme Court Allows Boy Scouts' Chapter 11 Plan to Move Forward

Pratt's Journal of Bankruptcy Law, 4.3.24

Supreme Court Hits the Brakes on Boy Scouts Chapter 11 Plan

Financial Restructuring and Bankruptcy Client Alert, 2.16.24

Third-Party Releases Headed to SCOTUS on Rocket Docket Following Rare Civil Stay of Purdue Pharma Plan Confirmation

Financial Restructuring and Bankruptcy Alert, 8.11.23

Third-Party Releases Possibly Headed To Scotus Following Purdue Pharma Plan Confirmation

Financial Restructuring and Bankruptcy Alert, 6.6.23

Observations on the Banking Crisis of 2023

Financial Restructuring and Bankruptcy Alert, 4.5.23