

## Christopher L. Young

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### Introduction

Chris provides strategic and legal advice, financial business planning, corporate reorganization, and dispute resolution assistance to a wide range of clients, particularly in relation to chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. While specializing in commercial bankruptcy, whether on behalf of debtors or creditors' rights, Chris effectively provides individualized and comprehensive legal and business advice to clients impacted by diverse legal issues.

Chris's ability to advocate for local business owners and their financial success stems not only from his family's experience owning and operating a small Seattle business but also an innate interest in helping companies create jobs and growth for their communities.

During law school, Chris was an extern to Judge James P. Donohue, United States District Court, Western District of Washington, and to Judges Timothy W. Dore and Marc L. Barreca, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Western District of Washington. After law school, Chris clerked for Chief Judge Brian D. Lynch, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Western District of Washington. In his spare time, Chris enjoys good books, good company, and the great outdoors.

### Experience & Results

- Assisted in obtaining summary judgment in favor of commercial real estate broker in negligent misrepresentation action and successfully defending summary judgment on appeal.
- Assisted client in dissuading Wisconsin receiver from filing \$585,000 preferential transfer lawsuit.
- Obtained dismissal with prejudice as to \$600,000 preference claim against vendor client.
- Represented commercial landlords in various bankruptcy proceedings in Washington and other jurisdictions.
- Obtained substantial administrative expense claim for commercial landlord in Sports Authority's chapter 11.
- Represented developer of North Dakota real estate in its chapter 11 bankruptcy; defeated motion to dismiss and quashed ensuing appeal; and guided debtor through the chapter 11 process including the confirmation of its plan of reorganization.
- Represented notable Washington State homebuilder in its chapter 11 bankruptcy and obtained confirmation of its plan of reorganization.
- Advised agricultural lender regarding its rights under various and complex loan documents.
- Assisted with sale of substantially all assets of Redden Marine Supply's receivership estate.
- Advises state court receivers regarding myriad receivership issues.
- Assisted private lender in realizing in full on its eight-figure loan.
- Assisted winery with its purchase of real property from bankruptcy estate.
- Advises diverse creditors exposed to voidable transaction liability in bankruptcy.

## Education

- University of Washington (B.A., in History, 2003)
- University of Washington, School of Law (J.D., 2014)
  - Associate Editor-in-Chief, *Washington Journal of Law, Technology & Arts*

## Admissions

- Washington
- US District Court, Western District of Washington
- US District Court, Eastern District of Washington
- US Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit
- Bankruptcy Appellate Panel for the Ninth Circuit
- US Supreme Court

## Awards/Honors and Organizational Memberships

- Ranked in Washington State by *Chambers USA* in the area of Bankruptcy/Restructuring since 2020
- Named on the Washington Rising Stars list by *Super Lawyers® Magazine*
- American Bankruptcy Institute, Member
- Federal Bar Association, Member
- UW Law Professional Mentor Program, Professional Mentor (2019)

## Publications/Speaking Engagements

- Panelist, "The Hot Topic - Bankruptcy & Insolvency, The Wave to Come," Mackrell International Webinar (May 28, 2020)
- Author, "Substantial Contribution in Chapter 7: A Case Study," Washington State Bar Association's *Creditor Debtor Rights Newsletter*, Vol. 36 (Spring 2018)
- Author, "A First Amendment Defense to the Federal Cyberstalking Statute in the Age of Twitter," 9 Wash. J.L. Tech. & Arts, 53 (2013)
- Author, "Ninth Circuit Update," appearing regularly in the Washington State Bar Association's *Creditor Debtor Rights Newsletter*