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Representing Founders and Growth Companies in Significant Transactions

Chris advises founders, growth companies, private equity-backed companies, and other businesses in their most important transactions. He has extensive experience in transactions involving private equity sponsors, strategic acquirors, and other institutional investors. He frequently counsels clients on strategic initiatives that accompany growth, investment, acquisition, and exit opportunities.

His clients operate across technology, healthcare, financial services, logistics, business services, artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, and consumer industries. He regularly represents companies in domestic and cross-border transactions involving counterparties across North America, Europe, and Asia.

Chris also represents emerging companies and venture investors nationwide, while frequently serving as primary outside counsel to founder-led growth businesses. Earlier in his career, he practiced at Cooley in California, where he developed the foundation for his work with founders and growth companies. He remains closely connected to founders, investors, and operators in the Silicon Valley and Los Angeles startup ecosystems.

Chris' background also includes representing public companies and investment banks in IPOs, capital markets transactions, SEC reporting, and corporate governance matters. While he no longer focuses on these matters as a primary part of his practice, that experience provides perspective as founders and companies raise capital, institutionalize, navigate governance matters, and prepare for acquisitions, exits, and liquidity events.

Many of Chris' client relationships begin with a transaction and evolve into broader advisory relationships. Clients turn to Chris for practical business judgment, creative problem-solving, and guidance through complex business issues.

Education

- Arizona State University - Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law (J.D., 2005)
 - *magna cum laude*, Order of the Coif
- University of Arizona (B.S., Finance, 2002)

Bar Admissions

- Arizona
- California

Select Experience

Mergers, Acquisitions & Strategic Transactions

Chris advises founders, management teams, private equity-backed portfolio companies, and investors in significant M&A, private equity, acquisition, and liquidity transactions. His experience includes founder exits, strategic acquisitions, acquisition programs, recapitalizations, and cross-border transactions across a broad range of industries.

- Represented the founder of an AI-enabled technology company in its sale to a private equity firm in a transaction valued at more than \$200 million.
- Represented the founders of a commercial services company in the sale of their business to a private equity investor in a transaction valued at more than \$200 million.
- Represented a Silicon Valley technology company in its sale to a strategic acquiror.
- Represented a software company in a multi-acquisition growth strategy involving numerous strategic and tuck-in acquisitions supporting product expansion and market growth.