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Chris Coleman is an associate in Alston & Bird's Financial Restructuring & Reorganization Group, where he advises clients on a range of restructuring and insolvency mandates that span numerous industries, including finance, health care, retail, restaurants, aviation and aerospace, telecommunications, consumer lending, commercial real estate, and manufacturing.

Chris regularly represents buyers and sellers in distressed M&A transactions and advises clients on loan workouts, debt restructurings, strategic winddowns, and other financial restructuring transactions. Chris also regularly represents lenders, investors, unsecured creditors, and other stakeholders in complex bankruptcy cases, receivership actions, and commercial litigation.

Chris began his legal career as a term clerk for the Hon. Marcia Phillips Parsons, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee (ret.).

Representative Experience

- Represented Fortress Investment Group in acquiring a 300-plus location restaurant chain through a Section 363 sale for \$50 million.
- Represented a space infrastructure company as corporate counsel in its Chapter 11 case, including the negotiation of its DIP loan and stalking horse bid.
- Represented Qatar Airways in negotiating and documenting a \$1.150 billion DIP loan to LATAM Airlines Group S.A. in its Chapter 11 case and defending against alleged fraudulent transfer claims asserted by the unsecured creditors' committee.
- Represented an ad hoc group of unsecured noteholders in the prepackaged Chapter 11 case of a South American automotive conglomerate.
- Advising private credit funds and institutional lenders in the structuring and negotiation of intercreditor agreements and agreements among lenders.
- Representing a grocery and food service supply chain leader in its role as critical vendor in restaurant bankruptcy cases across the United States.
- Representing offshore liquidators based in the Cayman Islands as U.S. counsel in a major fraud liquidation involving more than a dozen jurisdictions.
- Representing an insurance premium financing lender in commercial litigation and collection actions across the United States.
- Represented a commercial real estate fund in acquiring a historic midtown Atlanta property through a Section 363 sale.
- Represented the court-appointed Chapter 11 trustee in a Section 363 sale of seven critical access rural hospitals.

- Represented a drilling and blasting company in its Chapter 11 case.

Publications & Presentations

Publications

- “Loan to Own Transactions,” *Practical Guidance*, LexisNexis, 2022.
- “The Increasing Utilization (and Challenges) of Structured Dismissals as an Alternative Disposition of Bankruptcy Cases,” *Norton Annual Survey of Bankruptcy Law*, Thomson Reuters, Vol. 2021, No. 2021, October 2021.

Professional & Community Engagement

- American Bankruptcy Institute
- American Bar Association
- Georgia Bar Association
- North Carolina Bar Association
- North Carolina State Bar
- Turnaround Management Association

Education

- University of Tennessee (J.D., 2018)
- Wake Forest University (M.Div., 2015)
- Carson-Newman University (B.A., 2012)

Admitted to Practice

- Georgia
- North Carolina

Related Services

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