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Chris Coleman is an associate with Alston & Bird's Financial Restructuring & Reorganization Group. He represents distressed asset purchasers, creditors, debtors, and trustees in bankruptcy proceedings. Chris also represents clients in insolvency-related litigation, including state and federal court receiverships, avoidance actions, and commercial litigation. He also advises parties on insolvency issues stemming from strategic wind downs, workouts, and other significant transactions.

Chris began his legal career as a term clerk for the Honorable Marcia Phillips Parsons, former U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee. In law school, Chris served as the managing editor for *Transactions: The Tennessee Journal of Business Law* and as an articles editor for the *Tennessee Law Review*.

### **Representative Experience**

- Represented Fortress Investment Group in acquiring a 300-plus location restaurant chain out of bankruptcy for \$50 million.
- Representing Qatar Airways and its subsidiary, Qatar Airways Investments (UK) Ltd., in negotiating and documenting a \$1.150 billion DIP loan to LATAM Airlines Group S.A., Latin America's leading airline group currently operating in Chapter 11 in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York. Handling all litigation related to objections to the facility filed by various stakeholders, including the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors and the Ad Hoc Bondholder Committee.
- Representing liquidators based in the Cayman Islands and British Virgin Islands as U.S. counsel in a major fraud liquidation involving more than a dozen jurisdictions.
- Representing a grocery and food service supply chain leader in multiple restaurant franchisee bankruptcy cases currently pending in bankruptcy courts across the United States.
- Representing a precious metals producer in defending against multimillion-dollar avoidance action pending before the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York.
- Representing a former officer of a debtor bank holding company before the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana in defending against certain director and officer claims asserted by the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.
- Represented a real estate fund in acquiring historic midtown Atlanta property out of bankruptcy.
- Representing a insurance premium financing lender in multiple actions to recover assets and assert deficiency claims.
- Representing a regional hospital system in defending against avoidance action pending before the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Middle District of Georgia.
- Represented a Japanese manufacturer in defending against avoidance action before the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, achieving dismissal of claims with no asserted liability to client.

## ***Professional & Community Engagement***

- American Bankruptcy Institute
- Turnaround Management Association
- North Carolina Bar Association, Bankruptcy Section
- North Carolina State Bar
- American Bar Association

## ***Education***

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

## ***Admitted to Practice***

- North Carolina
- Georgia (Not Admitted)

## ***Related Services***

Litigation | Financial Restructuring & Reorganization | Bankruptcy Litigation | Bankruptcy Transactions | Enforcement, Workouts & Foreclosures | Finance & Financial Services | Corporate & Finance