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Christopher Johnson, a partner in the firm's Corporate Services practice group, has extensive experience representing companies of all sizes on a wide range of commercial transactions. Christopher's practice is primarily focused on the representation of corporate clients in several industries with regard to mergers and acquisitions, organizational formation and structure, venture and equity capital, public offerings and private placements of debt and equity securities, securities filings and periodic reporting, corporate governance, and other general business transactions and operational matters.

As former in-house counsel for a publicly traded bank holding company and its subsidiary bank, Christopher possesses a unique appreciation for his clients' focus on bottom line results, and takes a pragmatic approach to providing efficient and responsive service.

BACKGROUND

Before joining Armstrong Teasdale, Christopher was in private practice at another Denver area law firm, where he represented public and private entities and financial institutions regarding transactional and regulatory matters.

Prior to that, he served as vice president and assistant general counsel at a publicly traded bank holding company with operations in Colorado, Kansas, Missouri and Texas. While there, he counseled members of executive management on legal issues related to corporate governance, SEC reporting and regulation, banking and financial regulation, commercial and consumer lending, employment law, litigation, privacy and information security, and real estate.

EDUCATION

- Michigan State University College of Law (J.D., 2011)
 - Journal of Business and Securities Law
 - Dean's List
- Michigan State University (B.A., 2008)
 - Political Science
 - Organizational Communication
 - Dean's List

SERVICES AND INDUSTRIES

Corporate
Technology Transactions
Emerging Companies
Mergers and Acquisitions
Securities and Corporate Finance
Data Innovation, Security and Privacy
Debt Finance
Entrepreneurship Through Acquisition
Governance and Compliance
Outside Corporate Counsel
Manufacturing and Innovation
Technology
Private Equity and Venture Capital

ADMISSIONS

Colorado

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- American Bar Association
- Colorado Bar Association
- Denver Bar Association

CHARITABLE AND CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

- Bankers Foundation of Colorado, Board of Directors
- Michigan State University College of Law Alumni Association, Board of Directors

ACCOLADES

- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Corporate Law (2023)
- *Colorado Super Lawyers*®, Rising Star (2018-present)

EXPERIENCE

\$30 Million Refinancing and Loan Consolidation

Served as lender's counsel in \$30 million refinancing and consolidation of loans on several commercial properties in Northern Colorado. (2016)

Structuring of Dental Roll-up Fund

Represented a micro private equity fund in formation, tax structuring, securities compliance and acquisition of equity investors for a roll-up of dental providers.

\$108 Million Acquisition of Bank Holding Company

Represented Delta Bancshares Company, bank holding company of Jefferson Bank and Trust, St. Louis, Missouri, in its merger with a subsidiary of First Mid Bancshares, Inc. (NASDAQ: FMBH), bank holding company of First Mid Bank & Trust, Mattoon, Illinois. The total consideration for this cash and stock deal was approximately \$108 million. We also provided counsel on employee benefits and tax aspects of the transaction.

Bolt-On Acquisition for Private Equity Firm

Represented a private equity firm in its acquisition of a bolt-on mechanical and structural field service/maintenance company, offering major refractory, insulation, boiler and repair capabilities throughout Louisiana and Texas.

\$137.25 Million Asset Sale for Independent Insurance Broker

Represented a large independent insurance broker in the sale of assets in exchange for cash and equity consideration valued at up to \$137.25 million.

Represented Medical Technology Company in IPO

Supported a medical technology company in completing its Initial Public Offering and trading on the Nasdaq.

\$25 Million Share Exchange for Technology Company

Completed a \$25 million share exchange transaction between our client, a consumer technology company in the residential real estate industry, and a financial technology company serving prospective home buyers using a technology-enabled real estate

platform.

Multiple Private Placements

Served as issuer's counsel in connection with multiple private placements.

\$5.2 Million Secondary Public Offering

Served as issuer's counsel in \$5.2 million secondary public offering. (2016)

\$350 Million Private Offering and Subsequent \$50 Million "Tack-On" Offering

Served as issuer's counsel in \$350 million private offering of Senior Secured Notes and refinancing of a \$50 million revolving line of credit facility. Also represented issuer on subsequent "tack-on" offering of an additional \$50 million of Senior Secured Notes. (2017 and 2019)

Representation of NYSE and NASDAQ Companies with Reporting Obligations

Assists NYSE and NASDAQ listed public companies with securities filings and reporting, including federal reporting requirements such as proxy statements, annual and quarterly reports, and reporting requirements imposed by stock exchanges. (2012 – present)

Asset Purchase of Food Ingredients Manufacturing Company

Served as buyer's counsel in connection with purchase of substantially all assets of manufacturer of food ingredients, lubricants, process aids, and technical solutions. (2019)

\$27 Million Financing for Hotel Project

Served as lender's counsel in negotiation and documentation of \$27 million construction to permanent financing for development of a hotel project in downtown Denver, Colorado. (2017)

\$12.9 Million Financing for Hotel Project

Served as lender's counsel in negotiation and documentation of \$12.9 million construction to permanent financing for development of a hotel project in Lakewood, Colorado. (2017)

\$30 Million Revolving Line of Credit Facility

Served as borrower's counsel in negotiation and documentation of a \$30 million revolving line of credit facility. (2017)

Regional Bank Acquisition of Community Bank

Served as buyer's in-house counsel in connection with regional bank holding company's acquisition of community bank franchise. (2015)

Asset Sale of Health Care Provider

Served as seller's counsel in the sale of a regional occupational health care provider to a national operator of occupational health and urgent care centers. (2016)

Asset Sale of SEC Registered Investment Firm

Served as seller's counsel in sale of SEC registered investment advisory firm to regional bank holding company. (2017)

Sale of Majority Stake of Sporting Goods and Instruction Company

Served as seller's counsel in connection with sale of majority stake of golf instruction and club fitting company to public company. (2018)

Asset Sale of Newspaper Publisher to National Media Conglomerate

Served as seller's counsel in connection with sale of substantially all assets of 150 year

old newspaper publisher to national media conglomerate. (2018)

Equity Purchase of Oil Field Services Company

Served as buyer's counsel in connection with purchase of oil field services company.
(2018)

Sale of Majority Stake of Manufacturing Company

Served as seller's counsel in connection with sale of majority stake in advanced manufacturing company to private equity firm.