



## CHRISTOPHER R. JOHNSON

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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  
Governance and Compliance  
Outside General 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

### **\$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)

### **\$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)

**\$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)

**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)

**\$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.