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Christopher Johnson, an associate 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

Privacy and Data Security

Financial Services

Governance and Compliance

Outside General Counsel

Manufacturing and Innovation

Technology

ADMISSIONS

Colorado Supreme Court

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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

CHARITABLE AND CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

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

ACCOLADES

- *Colorado Super Lawyers®*, Rising Star (2018-present)

EXPERIENCE

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)

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. (2019)

Equity Purchase of Oil Field Services Company

Served as buyer's counsel in connection with purchase of oil field services 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)

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 SEC Registered Investment Firm

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

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)

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)

\$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)

\$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)

\$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)

\$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)

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)

\$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)

\$5.2 Million Secondary Public Offering

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

Multiple Private Placements

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

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

July 1, 2019

Ransomware and Local Governments: Do Not Be Held Hostage!

Municipal Lawyer

March 1, 2017

NYDFS Proposed Cybersecurity Regulations

The Independent Report

January 1, 2017

M&A Carveout Transactions Deal Points Study

Market Trends Subcommittee of the Mergers and Acquisitions Committee of the American Bar Association

May 1, 2016

Cybersecurity and the Community Bank

Colorado Banker

