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Chris LaRose is a trial lawyer focusing on complex business disputes, banking litigation and white-collar criminal defense cases in both state and federal court. In addition to his trial experience, Chris has argued before the Missouri Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court of Missouri, and has represented clients in arbitrations.

Complex Commercial Litigation

Chris represents clients in a variety of commercial cases involving shareholder disputes, fraud, fiduciary duty, trust cases, contract actions, real estate disputes, non-competes litigation, and life, health and E&O insurance cases in state courts, including Missouri, Illinois, California, Montana, Nevada and Pennsylvania, and in federal court. These cases are often legally and factually complex, document-intensive and involve numerous expert and fact witnesses.

Banking Litigation

Chris represents secured lenders and borrowers in litigation involving distressed loans, tax credits, receiverships, foreclosures, successor liability issues, fraudulent transfer, replevin and prejudgment attachment actions, bankruptcy litigation and post-judgment collection activities. He routinely counsels both creditors and debtors on methods of insuring that their respective interests are protected.

White-Collar Criminal Defense

Advising individuals and corporations facing white-collar prosecutions and investigations, Chris defends clients against allegations involving corporate, banking and accounting fraud, false claims, immigration and trade violations, and environmental issues. He also conducts internal investigations—including employee interviews and reviews of company procedures and compliance programs—of companies faced with an ongoing or threatened investigation by the government.

EDUCATION

- Saint Louis University School of Law (J.D., 2007)
- Northwestern University (B.A., 2002)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- The Missouri Bar
- Illinois State Bar Association

SERVICES AND INDUSTRIES

Debt Finance
Employment and Labor
Noncompetes and Trade
Secrets
Securities Regulation and
Litigation
Litigation
Real Estate, Development,
Construction

ADMISSIONS

Missouri
Illinois
U.S. District Court, Eastern
District of Missouri
U.S. District Court, Western
District of Missouri
U.S. District Court, Southern
District of Illinois

ACCOLADES

- The Best Lawyers in America®, Commercial Litigation (2023)
- 2017 Missouri Bar Foundation W. Oliver Rasch Award for an outstanding substantive article in the *Journal of the Missouri Bar*
- *Missouri/Kansas Super Lawyers*®, Rising Star (2014-present)

BACKGROUND

Prior to joining the firm, Chris was a clerk for Judge Audrey Fleissig, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri.

EXPERIENCE

Judgment Affirmed on Appeal in Insurance Case

The Missouri Court of Appeals for the Eastern District affirmed a judgment dismissing a case against an insurance company client with prejudice as sanctions for failure to appear. The Eastern District stated the trial court did not abuse its discretion in issuing sanctions and dismissing the case.

Represented General Contractor in \$5 Million Multi-Party Litigation

Represented a large general contractor in ongoing multi-party litigation involving construction defects exceeding \$5 million.

Settlement in Long-Standing Real Estate Litigation Matter Prior to Jury Trial

Secured a significant settlement in a real estate dispute in which the client filed suit against a developer for breach of partnership agreement, breach of fiduciary duty, and fraud; against the recipients of the proceeds for fraudulent transfer and aiding and abetting; and against the closing agent for negligence and aiding and abetting. Following significant procedural wins for the client, the defendants made a settlement offer which was 25 percent higher than the client's original settlement demand at the outset of the litigation.

Seven-Figure Settlement Against Developer

Negotiated a seven-figure settlement against a largely defunct Texas developer. The claims were mainly based upon the breach of multiple development agreements between the parties associated with several large affordable housing projects in Texas and various affiliated notes. The client had considered the matter a complete loss and believed there was little, if any, possibility of recovery.

Representation of Acquirers of Shuttered Lead Mine

Represented the acquirers of a shuttered lead mine containing rare earth minerals.