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Overview

Chris has experience counseling property owners, developers, businesses and governmental entities on a wide variety of real estate and real estate-related legal issues (e.g., development, acquisitions/dispositions, leasing, finance, zoning, and land use).

Specifically, Chris has represented both owners and developers in the purchase, sale, development, redevelopment and financing (CMBS and traditional) of a variety of commercial and multi-family properties. In addition, he has experience representing landlords and tenants in connection with leases and financing for retail, office, industrial and special use properties.

Chris has also counseled lenders and borrowers in the drafting and negotiation of loan documents for a wide variety of real estate-secured financings, including loans integrated with historic tax credits. In addition, he has experience representing lenders and borrowers in connection with public-private partnerships involving federal, state, county and local loans, grants and incentives.

Representative Matters

- Represented a national financial institution as administrative agent and lender in connection with a syndicated term loan facility supporting the acquisition of a portfolio of skilled nursing and assisted living facilities across New York
- Represented a large, national multifamily developer in the sale of affordable housing developments in Corpus Christi, Texas.
- Represented a real estate investment trust that specializes in shopping centers in the disposition of Henderson Square Mall in Pennsylvania for more than \$34 million.

- Represented Blackstone in connection with its acquisition of a portfolio of 228 mortgage loans from Atlantic Union Bank for approximately \$2 billion.
- Represented guarantor and its subsidiary borrowers in connection with a \$530,000,000 syndicated mortgage loan secured by a portfolio of 35 shopping center assets located across the nation.
- Advised a leading international investment and management firm, performing all diligence and related needs for their purchase of loans in default for a total of over \$600 million and subsequent foreclosures of more than 70 properties in California.
- Represented a Cleveland-based construction company in the acquisition of a combined office-warehouse space and the negotiation of financing for the purchase and build-out of such space.
- Advised a Port Authority in connection with a real estate due diligence review in anticipation of the Port's acquisition of a municipal airport.

Credentials

EDUCATION

- Cleveland State University College of Law, 2008, J.D., *cum laude*
 - Senior Editor, Cleveland State Law Review
- Case Western Reserve University, 2002, B.A., Economics

BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

- Ohio

Memberships

- Member, Ohio State Bar Association
- Member, Urban Land Institute
- Member, International Council of Shopping Centers
- Board of Trustees, Famicos Foundation
- Member, NAIOP

Awards & recognition

- Listed, Super Lawyers – Rising Star 2017-2018

News & Insights

- [Real Estate & Environmental Practice Expands with Addition of Christian Moratschek](#)
October 30, 2023 | Press Releases
- [Benesch Ranks in Midwest Real Estate News](#)
October 30, 2023 | Press Releases
- [Benesch Names Nine New Partners in 2018](#)
October 30, 2023 | Press Releases
- [My Benesch My Team - NRP Group](#)
June 30, 2021 | My Benesch My Team: Client Feature Ads
- [Benesch COVID-19 Resource Center: Governor DeWine's Executive Order Recommends 90 Day Protections for Tenants and Borrowers](#)
April 2, 2020 | Client Alerts & Insights
- [Benesch COVID-19 Resource Center](#)
March 16, 2020
- [My Benesch My Team Campaign - Stark Enterprises](#)
May 6, 2019 | My Benesch My Team: Client Feature Ads