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Chris' practice focuses on commercial and business litigation, with an emphasis on financial institutions. Representing banks and other corporate clients in federal and state courts, as well as in arbitration, he has handled cases involving lender liability issues, business torts, fraud, contracts, fiduciary duties and employment matters.

The lender liability issues that Chris has been involved with have included alleged officer misrepresentations regarding loan authority, payment terms, collateral requirements, guarantees, forbearance matters and more. Other issues have included allegations regarding wrongful repossession and/or foreclosure matters, disposition of collateral, collusion with other parties and self-dealing.

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Representing a large multinational bank in two multimillion-dollar class action suits regarding NSF charges. (2012)
- Representing a large multinational bank in connection with a multimillion-dollar claim involving the purchase of numerous T-Bills by the bank's customer. (2012)
- Represented a large multinational bank in connection with a multimillion-dollar foreign currency hedging program. (2010)
- Represented a large multinational bank in cases relating to an alleged \$100 million line of credit. (2009)
- Represented a banking institution in a multimillion-dollar claim regarding the acquisition of one corporate customer of the bank by another corporate customer. Allegation was that the bank was in collusion with the selling corporate customer in order to defraud the buyer. (2007)
- Represented banks in claims alleging wrongful foreclosure and commercially unreasonable disposition of collateral.

AFFILIATIONS

- Houston Bar Association
- Texas Bar Association
- Texas Association of Bank Counsel

INDUSTRIES

Banking/Financial Services
Credit Financing
Finance

PRACTICES

Arbitration/Mediation
Banking/Finance
Litigation
Class Action Litigation
Commercial Litigation
Subprime and Distressed Assets

EDUCATION

JD, 1972, The University of Texas, Moot Court Board, Member 1971-1972
BBA, 1968, Texas Tech University, Phi Kappa Phi, Beta Gamma Sigma

ADMISSIONS

Texas 1973
US District Court for the Southern District of Texas
US Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit