



Christopher J. Dusseau

Partner



Chris Dusseau has broad experience in commercial and real estate investments and is frequently involved in structuring, negotiating, documenting and closing asset-based and real estate-secured transactions. Chris also assists real estate owners and developers in all aspects of the acquisition, financing, construction, renovation and disposition of their assets. With experience in all phases of litigation and other dispute resolution, he effectively represents creditors in loan workouts, foreclosures, restructurings and commercial collections. Additionally, Chris drafts, reviews and negotiates all types of construction, design, engineering and development contracts.

Formerly the senior vice president and corporate counsel of a local private equity firm focused in the hospitality industry, Chris provides legal counsel for both day-to-day asset management and loan servicing.

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Bar Admissions & Activities

- Admitted, State of Ohio, 2003

Education

- University of Oregon (J.D.), 2003
- University of Notre Dame (B.A), 1999; Men's Lacrosse (Team Captain, All-American)

Awards & Recognition

- Listed, *Best Lawyers in America* (Real Estate Law), 2020-2021

Professional & Community Activities

- Member, Franklin County Public Defender Commission, 2009–present
- Member, Upper Arlington Rotary Club, 2006–present
- Volunteer Coach, Youth Lacrosse, 2013–present
- Graduate, Leadership Upper Arlington, 2007

INDUSTRIES & PRACTICES

Creditors' Rights, Restructuring
& Bankruptcy
Business Law
Banking & Financial Services
Real Estate



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Experience

Financing for the renovation of hotel properties

Represented administrative agent in \$30 million financing the construction and renovation of private equity sponsored hotels in St. Louis, MO. The transaction involved complicated co-lender negotiations as well as negotiations with a leveraged equity lender.

30-day hotel loan deal closing

Represented a bank in a hotel loan deal in which it was extremely important to the bank's customer, the borrower, to close the deal in less than 30 days. As our team dug into the diligence, it became clear that this deal was significantly more complicated than it was initially described by the borrower. However, despite the tight turnaround and roadblocks, the deal closed on time.