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EXPERTISE

Corporate, Creditors' Rights and Insolvency Matters, Mergers & Acquisitions, Coal and Oil & Gas Transactions, Oil & Gas Industry

EDUCATION

University of Denver, M.A., 1983
University of Denver Sturm College of Law, J.D., 1983
Duke University, B.A., *magna cum laude*, 1976

ADMITTED IN

Colorado and Washington, DC

Chris Richardson is Senior of Counsel at Davis Graham & Stubbs LLP, where his practice has an emphasis on creditors rights and insolvency matters as well as mergers and acquisitions and corporate financing matters. In connection with restructuring work, Chris has substantial experience in Chapter 11 bankruptcy matters. He has worked with secured and unsecured creditors, debtors, and creditors' committees in numerous Chapter 11 proceedings (Standard Metals, MiniScribe, Kaiser Steel, The Shane Company, Colorado-Ute Electric Association, Formus Communications, NII Holdings, Schwinn Bicycles, Gryphon Gold, American Eagle Energy, American Standard Energy, Atna Resources, Boomerang Systems, Linn Energy, III Exploration II, Augustus Energy, Lighthouse Resources, General Moly, Inc., Extraction Oil & Gas, PetroShare, and Battalion Resources, among others). He has assisted clients and debtors in buying and selling companies out of Chapter 11, as well as reorganizing or liquidating debtor companies. He has represented purchasers of oil and gas assets in Chapter 11 Section 363 auctions in bankruptcy proceeding in Wyoming, Colorado, and Delaware.

In addition to the bankruptcy work, Chris has represented receivers in pending receivership

matters in Colorado regarding the foreclosure and sale of a ski resort and the proposed sale of an early-stage real estate development in a mountain community.

Chris' corporate practice focuses on mergers and acquisitions and financing work, primarily in the purchase and sale of privately held companies. Many of his transactions have been in connection with leveraged buyouts and buildups of platform or portfolio companies. In addition, he has substantial experience in transactions involving oil and gas and coal companies in both the context of purchase and sale transactions as well as in day-to-day operational matters. Chris and a team of Davis Graham lawyers previously completed the sale of an oil and gas refinery for a long-time client of the firm. He also has significant financing experience and has recently represented private equity groups, institutional lenders, and equity participants in loan and restructuring matters.

Chris has represented Western coal producers in various aspects of their operations. He has represented Rio Tinto Energy, Cloud Peak Energy, Anglo American Coal Company, Arch Coal,

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Colowyo Coal Company, Peabody Energy, Westmoreland Coal, Triton Coal Company, Vulcan Capital Management, Tri-State Generation and Transmission and Montana Power in matters ranging from utility bankruptcies and preparation of long-term coal supply agreements to joint venture coal projects, major purchase and sale transactions, structured financings, and leverage lease transactions. Additionally, Chris has represented various oil and gas companies in acquisitions and financing matters, including Petro-Canada (USA), Encana Oil & Gas, Resolute Energy, J.M. Huber, SM Energy, and Suncor.

Chris has lectured on acquisition agreements, deal structures, and debtor-creditor issues, including the impact of bankruptcy on environmental laws, lessor-lessee relationships in bankruptcy, mid-stream agreements as executory contracts in bankruptcy, current developments in bankruptcy laws, and asset sales in a bankruptcy.

Chris has been recognized by *Chambers USA* as a Leader in Their Field in Corporate/M&A and Bankruptcy/Restructuring and has been selected for inclusion in *Colorado Super Lawyers* by Thomson Reuters. Additionally, he has been selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America®* for Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Leveraged Buyouts and Private Equity Law, and Mergers and Acquisitions Law. He was also named by *Best Lawyers®* as the 2016 and 2025 Lawyer of the Year for Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights/Insolvency and Reorganization Law in Denver.

In addition to his client work, Chris also serves as the firm's General Counsel.

SPEAKING TOPICS

Chris is a frequent speaker on topics involving business transactions, creditors' rights, and issues in the energy industry. He has recently spoken on the following topics:

- Acquisition of oil and gas assets from a distressed seller outside of bankruptcy
- Selling or acquiring oil and gas assets in a Section 363 Sale under the Bankruptcy Code
- Midstream Agreements as Executory Contracts in Bankruptcy – "If You Reject Me, Will I Be Gone?"
- Deal structures
- Debtor-creditor issues
- Lessor-lessee relationships in bankruptcy
- Mergers and acquisitions
- Board duties for financially distressed companies