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OVERVIEW

Christine Hoke is a partner in the firm's Finance practice. She focuses her practice on commercial lending, corporate finance and private equity and mezzanine finance. Christine regularly represents both lenders and borrowers in connection with the negotiation of secured and unsecured syndicated credit facilities, asset based loans, and acquisition financings. She has closed financing transactions involving loans and credit facilities ranging in size from \$10 million to in excess of \$3 billion. She has experience with financings in a variety of industries including healthcare, manufacturing, motorsports, professional services, media and telecommunications, transportation and technology. Her clients include public and privately held companies, private equity and mezzanine investment funds and leading national banks. Her peers selected her as a Rising Star in 2014 - 2020 for Banking Law. In addition, Christine has significant experience with financial restructuring and workout transactions.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Banking and Finance Law in Charlotte, 2024
- Named to the North Carolina Super Lawyers Rising Stars list for Banking Law, 2014-2020

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Myers Park Presbyterian Church (Elder, Sunday School Teacher and Youth Basketball Coach)
- Charlotte Office Associate Development Committee (Member)
- Arts and Science Council Young Donors Society (Former Steering Committee Member)
- Junior League of Charlotte (Former Member)

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- COVID-19: Buying and Selling PPP Borrowers, October 7, 2020

- COVID-19: CARES Act Conference Call for Private Equity Firms, Family Offices and Private Credit Funds, March, 30 2020
- Credit Agreements: What's Market in the Middle Market, January 26, 2017
- Earning Repeat Business - Be the Associate Everyone Wants to Work With, April 6, 2016
- Introduction to Commercial Lending and Leveraged Finance Transactions, October 22, 2015
- Financing Transactions with Debt/Introduction to Negotiating Loans, Loan Documents and Secured Lending, April 30, 2013

EDUCATION

- J.D., Florida State University College of Law, 2005 (*cum laude*, *Florida State Business Review*, Member)
- B.A., North Carolina State University, 2002 (*summa cum laude*, *Phi Beta Kappa*, *Phi Kappa Phi*)

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of North Carolina

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP POWERED BY HUB

- 7 October 2020, COVID-19: Buying and Selling PPP Borrowers
- 15 June 2020, COVID-19: Federal Reserve Board Expands Terms and Conditions of Main Street Lending Program to Improve Accessibility to Small and Medium-sized Businesses
- 2 June 2020, COVID-19: Federal Reserve Bank Releases Update on the Main Street Lending Program
- 15 May 2020, COVID-19: Limitations on Interest Deductibility Before and After the CARES Act
- 6 May 2020, COVID-19: Virtual Town Hall on PPP Eligibility and Risks, One Last Look Before the Safe Harbor Expires
- 10 April 2020, COVID-19: Analysis of Federal Reserve "Main Street" Liquidity Program

NEWS & EVENTS

- 10 January 2022, K&L Gates Advises Blue Point Capital Partners on Platform Investment in National OnDemand
- 9-12 October 2021, National Summit for Middle Market Funds, hosted by the Small Business Investor Alliance
- 6 October 2017, K&L Gates Advises Ridgmont Equity Partners on Acquisition of Tech-Enabled Medical Products Distributor

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Corporate and Acquisition Finance
- Corporate Governance
- Debt Capital Markets
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Private Equity Transactions
- Restructuring and Insolvency

INDUSTRIES

- Financial Services
- Private Equity

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Represented a public REIT in connection with its \$1.25 billion unsecured credit facility.
- Represented public software company in connection with its \$140 million bridge credit facility and \$250 million permanent secured credit facility used to replace bridge facility.
- Represented public wellness company in connection with its \$150 million secured asset-based credit facility.
- Represented private equity sponsor in connection with a \$75 million senior secured credit facility and \$23 million unsecured mezzanine notes used to finance a leveraged acquisition of a hotel management company.
- Represented a private equity company in connection with a \$65 million senior secured credit facility used to fund a leveraged acquisition of a vegetation management services to the electrical industry.
- Represented leading national bank, as administrative agent, in connection with a \$65 million senior secured credit facility used to finance a strategic acquisition.
- Represented a leading national bank in connection with \$35 million senior secured credit facility to a printing and plastics company.
- Represented an institutional investor in connection with its purchase of \$20 million mezzanine term notes and equity co-investment used to finance a leveraged acquisition of two healthcare revenue cycle management companies.
- Represented institutional investors in connection with \$42 million of second lien promissory notes and \$7.5 million equity co-investment used to finance a leveraged acquisition of hotel management company.

- Represented an institutional investor in connection with its \$16 million purchase mezzanine term notes and an equity co-investment from a portfolio company used to finance a leveraged acquisition of a training solutions company.
- Represented a growth fund as collateral agent and lender, in connection with \$27 million senior secured term loan facility to finance a leveraged buy-out of a specialized pharmacy company.
- Represented a business development company as a first out and last out lender, in connection with \$35 million secured unitranche credit facility. Proceeds issued to finance the leveraged acquisition of an event marketing and management company.
- Represented a business development company in connection with a \$50 million secured unitranche credit facility used to finance a leveraged acquisition.
- Represented private equity sponsor in connection with a \$50 million senior secured credit facility and \$20 million unsecured mezzanine notes used to finance a leveraged acquisition of a transportation technology company.
- Represented private equity portfolio company in connection with its \$115 million senior secured credit facility and numerous add-on acquisition and additional term loans.
- Represented a private equity company in connection with a \$170 million first lien credit facility and a \$40 million second lien credit facility used to finance a leveraged acquisition of a telecommunications company.
- Represented leading national bank, as administrative agent, in connection with a \$125 million senior secured revolving credit facility to a broadcasting company.
- Represented a leading national bank in connection with a \$15 million senior secured revolving credit facility to a national distributor of office supplies.
- Represented leading national bank, as administrative agent, in connection with a \$125 million syndicated senior secured credit facility to a manufacturing company.
- Represented a public snack foods company in connection with its \$675 million unsecured credit facility.
- Represented public energy company in connection with its \$300 million reserve-based secured credit facility and approximately \$700 million of senior secured notes.
- Represented TrueBlue, Inc. in connection with \$300 million senior secured revolving credit facility with Bank of America, N.A., as administrative agent. True Blue is a public company that provides workforce solutions.