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Chris Hirst is a partner in Chapman's Banking and Financial Services Department and Commercial Lending Group.

Chris represents and advises lead arrangers, administrative agents, lenders, corporate borrowers, and private equity sponsors in a wide range of middle-market to large-cap financing transactions. Those transactions include syndicated and bilateral facilities, senior and mezzanine facilities, first lien/second lien facilities, unitranche facilities, cross-border financings, and leveraged acquisition financings.

Chris also has extensive experience representing lenders in food, beverage, and agribusiness financings and regularly advises clients on issues relating to federal and state grower-lien statutes, cooperative structures, and farm credit system lending. Chris also regularly represents lenders in the construction and engineering space.

Representative Matters

- Counsel to lead arranger and administrative agent in connection with \$180 million first-lien credit facilities supporting a financial sponsor's acquisition of a national specialty food producer.
- Counsel to sole lender in connection with \$27 million first-lien credit facilities to finance the construction of a new manufacturing plant for a dairy product producer.
- Counsel to lead arranger and administrative agent in connection with \$555 million unsecured credit facilities to an international marketer and distributor of agricultural products.
- Counsel to lead arranger and administrative agent in connection with a \$130 million unitranche facility supporting a financial sponsor's acquisition of a cheese manufacturer.

Admitted

Illinois

Education

University of Michigan Law School, J.D., *cum laude*, 2012

Indiana University, B.A., English and History, *with distinction*, 2009

Practice Focus

Agribusiness Lending

Banking and Financial Services

Commercial Lending

Health Care Finance

Loan Syndications and Trading/Syndicated Credits

Public and Institutional Banking & Finance

- Counsel to lead arranger and administrative agent in connection with \$100 million first-lien cross-border credit facilities for an international industrial distributor.
- Counsel to financial sponsor in connection with \$180 million credit facilities supporting the financial sponsor's acquisition of a national tax advisory company.