



## Christopher Douglass

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**Chris focuses his practice on private equity and mezzanine funds, including small business investment companies (SBICs). He advises funds from inception through liquidation, with a focus on debt and equity investments and portfolio company matters.**

Chris represents all types of private equity, mezzanine, venture capital, and other investment funds. Specifically, he counsels funds as they make, manage, and exit investments and advises portfolio companies on a wide range of business, financing, securities, and governance issues. Chris has extensive experience representing middle market funds on their acquisitions and sales of control equity positions and on a wide variety of debt investments. He also regularly represents privately held businesses that receive investments from private equity funds or sell to private equity funds and their portfolio companies.

As part of one of the most active SBIC practices in the nation, Chris has counseled funds seeking SBIC licenses and frequently advises funds on SBIC regulatory compliance matters. This allows him to provide unique insight into SBIC regulations in structuring and executing investments. He also frequently advises banks and funds on capital call lines of credit and leverage lines of credit.

## Recent Experience

The Sterling Group Creation of Compost360 and Acquisition of Nature's Choice

LAACO, Ltd.'s Sale to CubeSmart

Leonardo DRS' Acquisition of Ascendant Engineering Solutions

Ranger Energy Services, Inc.'s Acquisition of PerfX Wireline Services

VMG Partners' Minority Investment [solidcore]

Forum Merger II Corp. Business Combination with Ittella International, Inc.

ValTek Holdings, Inc.'s Acquisition of Assets by ValTek, LLC

## Recognitions

- Leading Lawyers Network
    - Closely & Privately Held Business (2018)
    - Corporate Finance (2018)
    - Securities & Venture Finance Law (2018)
  - *Legal 500 US*, M&A/Corporate and Commercial – M&A: Middle Market (2016)
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## Credentials

### EDUCATION

Chris received his B.A., *cum laude*, from Northwestern University. He earned his J.D. with Highest Distinction from the University of Iowa College of Law, where he was inducted into the Order of the Coif and served as the Senior Note and Comment Editor for the *Iowa Law Review*.

### ADMISSIONS

- Illinois

## Related Insights & News

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### SEMINAR/CLE

Winston & Strawn Co-Hosted the Annual SBIC Fund Conference with RSM US LLP

JANUARY 22, 2024

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### CLIENT ALERT

SBA Amends the Employee Size Standards Calculation Period

AUGUST 8, 2022

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## **SPONSORSHIP**

Winston Proudly Sponsors the 2021 National Summit for Middle Market Funds

OCTOBER 10-12, 2021

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## **CLIENT ALERT**

COVID-19: Restaurant Revitalization Fund

MARCH 16, 2021

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## **CLIENT ALERT**

Reminder of Annual Requirements for Investment Managers

FEBRUARY 11, 2021

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## **CLIENT ALERT**

COVID-19: Economic Aid to Hard-Hit Small Businesses, Nonprofit, and Venues Act

FEBRUARY 1, 2021

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## **CLIENT ALERT**

Paycheck Protection Program Loans and Changes of Ownership

OCTOBER 7, 2020

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## **CLIENT ALERT**

SBA Paycheck Protection Program FAQs

JUNE 23, 2020

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## **CLIENT ALERT**

Congress Passes Paycheck Protection Program Flexibility Act of 2020

JUNE 5, 2020

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## **BLOG**

SBA Paycheck Protection Program Update: SBA Provides Guidance on Certification of Need and Extends Safe Harbor for Repayment of PPP Loans

MAY 14, 2020

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## **CLIENT ALERT**

SBA Extends Safe Harbor for Returning PPP Loans to May 14

MAY 6, 2020

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## **WEBINAR**

Implications of Certain Provisions of the Federal Stimulus Package to Private Equity Funds and their Portfolio Companies

# Capabilities

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Transactions

Private Investment Funds

Mergers & Acquisitions

Private Equity

Financial Services