



## Chris Wittels

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**Chris advises both private and public companies, as well as private equity and venture capital investors, in mergers, acquisitions, minority investments, divestitures, financings, and general business matters.**

Clients benefit from Chris' industry-specific experience in technology, cannabis, and food, beverage, and consumer products by integrating his industry knowledge into his practice to provide counsel tailored to their unique needs and business goals. He advises on common buy-side and sell-side legal issues throughout the transaction lifecycle, including customary due diligence, drafting of definitive and ancillary documentation, and post-closing integration issues.

Chris focuses primarily on mid-market deals, with target enterprise values between \$10 million and \$2 billion, and has led numerous transactions for local clients.

Before joining Holland & Hart, Chris began his career as a corporate associate at two internationally-renowned law firms. He also worked as an adjunct professor at the University of Illinois College of Law, where he taught legal research and writing to LL.M. candidates. Chris maintains an active pro bono practice that includes providing legal assistance for veterans and supporting indigent clients.

### PRACTICES

Corporate  
Emerging Companies  
Mergers and Acquisitions

### INDUSTRIES

Food, Beverage, and Consumer  
Products  
Technology

### EDUCATION

University of Illinois College of Law, J.D.,  
2019

*cum laude*

University of Illinois College of Law,  
*Illinois Law Review*, Notes Editor

University of Denver, B.S.B.A., B.A.,  
2013

*cum laude*

### BAR ADMISSIONS

Colorado

### EXPERIENCE

#### Mergers and Acquisitions

- Strategic Acquisitions and Dispositions
- Private Equity Transactions
- Financing
- Leveraged Buyouts
- Auction Processes

#### Corporate Governance

- Counseling to Management and Board of Directors
- Employment and Consulting Agreements
- Equity Awards and Agreements
- Commercial Contracts

#### Emerging Growth and Venture Capital

- Entity Formation Matters
- Conversion Matters
- Liquidation Matters

## **CLIENT RESULTS**

### **Technology Industry Transactions**

Representation of a public company in its purchase of all outstanding stock of a national cybersecurity provider.

Representation of a public company in its purchase of all outstanding stock of a national cloud-based mobile application service provider.

Representation of a target in the sale of its television advertising and digital streaming business units.

Representation of an enterprise machine-learning target in its sale of all outstanding stock.

Representation of a private equity-backed purchaser in its acquisition of all outstanding stock of an enterprise product and supply chain platform.

Representation of a private equity-backed purchaser in its acquisition of all outstanding stock of a marketing management SaaS solutions company.

Representation of public company in its purchase of all outstanding stock of a direct-to-voicemail service provider.

### **Cannabis Industry Transactions**

Representation of a vertically-integrated cannabis company in connection with its purchase of substantially all assets of various regional targets.

Representation of a regional cannabis company in its merger with and into a national cannabis company.

### **Food, Beverage, and Consumer Products Industry Transactions**

Representation of a premium global spirits brand in its sale of a majority interest to a large public company.

Representation of a private equity-backed purchaser in its acquisition of a cosmetic products supplier and manufacturer.

Representation of a private equity-backed purchaser in its acquisition of all outstanding equity of an aquarium products supplier.

Representation of a diversified producer of dairy-free products in its sale to a consumer products private equity fund.

### **Industrial, Manufacturing, and Service Companies**

Representation of a private company in its acquisition of a regional

furniture manufacturer.

Representation of a private equity-backed air conditioning and plumbing business in the sale of its equity.

Representation of a private company purchaser in its acquisition of a Canadian semiconductor company.

Representation of a private equity-backed purchaser in its acquisition of a windows supplier and service provider.

## **RECOGNITION**

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