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## PRACTICE EMPHASIS

- ◆ Bankruptcy & Financial Restructuring
- ◆ Class Action & Complex Litigation
- ◆ Debtor-Creditor
- ◆ Employee Benefits and Retirement Security (ERISA)

## EDUCATION

St. John's College  
B.A., 1976

University of New Mexico  
J.D., magna cum laude, 1990  
Order of the Coif

Chris is a member of Keller Rohrback's Complex Litigation and Bankruptcy Groups.

He has represented debtors, creditors, Court-appointed committees, and asset purchasers in Chapter 11 reorganization proceedings and workouts. In recent years he has also focused on representing plaintiffs in ERISA class actions. Chris has wide-ranging experience in complex commercial matters, from corporate restructuring to breach of fiduciary duty, commercial real estate, contracts, patent infringement, and environmental insurance coverage.

Together with colleagues, Chris has represented clients as diverse as pension plan participants in class actions challenging their employers' asserted exemption from ERISA, the committee of victims of clergy sexual abuse in the Chapter 11 reorganization of a Catholic diocese, an American Indian business corporation in a commercial dispute, and a developer restructuring a portfolio of real property interests nationwide.

A graduate of the Great Books liberal arts program at St. John's College in Santa Fe, Chris earned his law degree from the University of New Mexico Law School magna cum laude in 1990. While his practice is centered in the Southwest, Chris represents clients in federal courts coast to coast.

## BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

1990, Arizona

1990, United States District Court for the District of Arizona

2004, United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

2015, United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

2015, United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit

2017, United States Supreme Court

## PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

Arizona State Bar Association, *Member*

Maricopa County Bar Association, *Member*

## HONORS & AWARDS

Best Lawyers in America®, Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law, Phoenix, Arizona, 2026

## PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Speaker, *New Bankruptcy Code: Changing the Way Creditors are Treated*, Maricopa County Bar Association presentation, (2006).

Co-author, *Confirming the Catholics: The Diocese of Tucson Experience*, Norton Bankruptcy Law Advisor (2005).

Co-author, *Representing the Tort Claimants' Committee in the Chapter 11 Case Filed by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Tucson*, prepared for the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges (2005).

Author, *Decoding the Code*, AzBusiness Magazine (2005).