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Chris helps clients structure and successfully complete their financing and M&A transactions, and comply with their disclosure and corporate governance requirements.

Chris helps clients raise money by selling equity and debt, buy and sell assets and businesses, manage their SEC disclosures, implement corporate governance structures, list on stock exchanges, and establish equity-based compensation arrangements. He currently serves as the head of Seattle's Corporate department and co-chair of the Canada Cross-Border Practice Group. Chris works in a number of industries, including mining, energy, technology, life sciences, and financial services. Chris has extensive experience advising Canadian and other foreign clients on U.S. cross-border transactions, and often serves as their general U.S. outside counsel, helping them access solutions to all of their U.S. legal needs through Dorsey's extensive network of offices and attorneys. He is also co-editor of Dorsey's Cross-Border Counselor Blog.

Select Experience

Mining & Energy

- Represented one of the world's largest uranium companies in domestic and offshore acquisitions, dispositions and equity and debt financings aggregating more than \$7 billion.
- Represented a gold company in SEC reporting, corporate governance, an NYSE American listing and a series of equity and debt financings and acquisitions totaling over \$4 billion that transformed the company from a privately-held exploration stage company into a large, publicly-traded producer.
- Represented a platinum company in an NYSE American listing, SEC reporting, corporate governance and public and private financings aggregating over \$700 million.
- Represented a critical minerals company in SEC reporting, corporate governance, stock exchange matters, M&A transactions and equity public offerings aggregating over \$200 million.

Education

- Stanford Law School (J.D., 1999)
 - With distinction
- Simon Fraser University (B.A., 1996)
 - Gold Medal, History;
 - Gordon M. Shrum Scholarship

Bar Admissions

- Washington

Accolades

- *Chambers Global*
 - Energy: Mining & Metals (Transactional), USA, 2023-2026
 - Foreign Expert (Based Abroad) for Corporate/M&A: Canada, 2013
 - Foreign Expert (Canada) for Corporate/M&A: USA, 2013
 - *Best Lawyers in America*®, 2024-2026
 - *Chambers USA*
 - Energy: Mining & Metals, National, 2022-2026
 - Corporate/Commercial, 2016-2019
 - Who's Who Legal – Mining, 2025
 - *Washington Super Lawyers*®, "Rising Star," 2005-2014
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Cross-Border Counselor

May 11, 2026

SEC Proposes Optional Semiannual Reporting for Companies that File Annual Reports on Form 10-K

January 15, 2026

Prepare for the Worst, and Hope for the Best: Time to Begin Preparing for Section 16 Reporting by Insiders of SEC-reporting Foreign Private Issuers

December 29, 2025

Section 16 Reporting Requirements Expanded to Directors and Officers of Foreign Private Issuers

September 17, 2025

Mining Companies May Not Total Inferred Mineral Resources With Other Resource Categories: SEC Guidance

March 25, 2025

FinCEN Eliminates Most Beneficial Ownership Reporting Under the CTA

March 17, 2025

NYSE American Amends Shareholder Approval Requirements

December 18, 2024

Corporate Transparency Act: Enforcement Halted Pending Further Court Developments

December 5, 2024

Comparison of Canadian and U.S. Securities Laws

September 17, 2024

Companies Subject to U.S. Jurisdiction Should not Restrict Personnel from Being SEC Whistleblowers, or Receiving SEC Whistleblower Awards

May 29, 2024

SEC Staff Provides Welcome Guidance to Resource Extraction Issuers

May 2, 2024

The Perils of Finder's Fees (Revisited)

February 7, 2024

Canadian CPCs, SPACs, and Shells Should Be Careful to Avoid U.S. Investment Company Status

February 7, 2024

The SEC Amends Policy on Economic Projections, and Issues Final Rules and Additional Guidance for SPACs and Shell Companies

October 23, 2023

SEC Amends Schedule 13D/G Requirements

June 20, 2023

Canadian Companies Listed on the NYSE, NYSE American, or Nasdaq Must Adopt Updated Clawback Policies by December 1, 2023

Insights

May 11, 2026

SEC Proposes Optional Semiannual Reporting for Public Companies Through New Form 10-S

December 23, 2025

Section 16 Reporting Requirements Expanded to Directors and Officers of Foreign Private Issuers Effective March 18, 2026

October 14, 2025

SEC Gives Green Light to ExxonMobil's Retail Voting Program — A New Model for Retail Shareholder Participation

October 2, 2025

Impact of the Government Shutdown on Public Reporting Companies

September 11, 2025

Deadline Approaching: Enroll in EDGAR Next No Later than September 12, 2025 to Avoid Late Filings with the SEC

March 21, 2025

EDGAR Next Goes Live on March 24, 2025; Filers Should Enroll by September 12, 2025

November 19, 2024

EDGAR Next—Changes to Filer Access and Account Management

February 7, 2024

The SEC Amends Policy on Economic Projections, and Issues Final Rules and Additional Guidance for SPACs and Shell Companies

October 23, 2023

SEC Accelerates Filing Deadlines for Beneficial Ownership Reports by 5% Shareholders, and Further Amends and Guides Reporting Standards

June 1, 2023

FAQs on the SEC's Prescribed Clawback Policy

March 2022

Guide to Joining the OTCQX or the OTCQB Markets for Canadian and Other Foreign Issuers

September 2020

Guide to Joining the OTCQX or the OTCQB Markets for Canadian and Other Foreign Issuers

September 2020

Guide to At-the-Market Programs for MJDS Issuers

February 5, 2019

Understanding the SEC's New Mining Disclosure Rules: Questions and Answers

November 28, 2016

Do Your Confidentiality Clauses Expressly Allow Whistleblowing?