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Christopher P. Smith, Jr. is the Managing Partner of Meyer, Unkovic & Scott. He is also a member of the firm's Real Estate & Lending Practice Group, and Creditors' Rights & Bankruptcy Practice Group.

Chris represents lenders, borrowers, purchasers, sellers, landlords, tenants, and property owners in connection with all aspects of a real estate transaction. Specifically, Chris has closed numerous transactions involving office buildings, shopping centers, manufacturing facilities, apartment complexes, and planned community projects. Chris also represents both landlords and tenants in the leasing of office, retail, residential, and industrial projects. In connection with such transactions, he often advises on entity formation, construction contracts, financing terms, condominium and other planned community issues, and land use and zoning matters.

Chris also represents secured and unsecured creditors in Chapters 7, 11 and 13 of the Bankruptcy Code. He handles foreclosures and workouts for commercial lenders both in advance of and during bankruptcy. Chris has handled multiple preference actions for creditors along with counseling clients on general bankruptcy issues including, assumption and rejection of leases, reliefs from the automatic stay, and proofs of claims.

A native of Pittsburgh, who grew up in the East End, Chris attended Central Catholic High School. He continued his education at the University of Notre Dame, receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1998. At Notre Dame, Chris was a three year letter winner in track and field. Upon graduation from Notre Dame, Chris attended Duquesne University School of Law where he received his Juris Doctorate degree in 2001.

Currently, Chris resides with his wife, Sarah, and sons, Michael and Alex, in Robinson Township, Pennsylvania.

Capabilities

- Real Estate & Lending
- Creditors' Rights & Bankruptcy



Representative Matters

- Acquisition and development of retail, residential, industrial, and office properties.
- Commercial and residential lending.
- Leasing of retail, residential, industrial, and office properties.
- Rights of way for both commercial and residential properties, including rights of way in connection with the oil and gas industry.
- Easements and zoning matters for retail, residential, industrial, and office properties.
- Representation of creditors in the defense of preference claims.
- Representation of lenders and borrowers in workouts and foreclosures.

Awards & Honors

- Included in *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Real Estate Law.

Professional/Community Involvement

- Residential Resources Incorporated, Board Chair
- A non-profit corporation that assists in the housing needs for the disabled.
- Notre Dame Alumni Club of Pittsburgh, Member
- Notre Dame Monogram Club, Member
- Allegheny County Bar Association, Member
- Pennsylvania Bar Association, Member

Bar Admissions

- Pennsylvania

Education

- J.D., Duquesne University School of Law, 2001
- B.A., University of Notre Dame, 1998

Writing/Speaking

- "Business Workshop: Don't Forget Punctuation," Pittsburgh Post-Gazette Business Workshop, April 1, 2014.
- "Business Workshop: Getting Paid in Bankruptcy," Pittsburgh Post-Gazette Business Workshop, January 8, 2014.
- "Drawing up the Perfect Construction Draw," Roundtable Discussion Leader, ICSC Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, Michigan & Pennsylvania Retail Development & Law Symposium, March 4, 2016.

