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Christopher provides effective legal counsel to efficiently achieve the best possible result for his clients.

Christopher has extensive experience litigating financial services matters, including commercial lending, mortgage servicing, retail banking, automobile floor plan lending, unsecured credit disputes, and both claim-and-delivery and replevin cases. He also has five years of experience handling commercial litigation and one year of experience defending employers in labor and employment litigation.

EXPERIENCE

Assisted with obtaining a \$23 million summary judgment (\$37 million before offsets) on behalf of a national banking client in its capacity as a secured commercial finance lender.

Obtained numerous judgments of dismissal at the pleadings stage in retail banking and mortgage servicing cases.

Represented a commercial finance lender in a protracted dueling breach-of-contract dispute with a seven-figure amount in controversy arising from a nonjudicial repossession and liquidation of secured collateral.

PRACTICES & INDUSTRIES

Banking & Financial Services

Business Litigation

ADMISSIONS

California

U.S. District Court for the Central District of California

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California

U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California

EDUCATION

University of California Berkeley Law, J.D., 2016

University of California Santa Barbara, B.A., Psychology, 2011

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Obtained an *ex parte* right to attach order and writ of attachment attaching a client's six-figure damages claim to a commercial asset, forcing the defendant to submit to settlement negotiations before its deadline to file a responsive pleading.

On behalf of a national vehicle rental agency, obtained a declaratory judgment voiding liability insurance coverage for the insured lessee following a bench trial on the client's affirmative declaratory relief claim, and won summary judgment on the allegedly injured parties' Cross-Complaint for personal injury claims.

Obtained a permanent injunction from a U.S. District Court expediently halting and preventing international grey-market sellers from wrongfully exploiting a high-end shoe designer's trademarks and customer goodwill.

On behalf of a floorplan lender defendant, prevailed on a motion for monetary sanctions based on the plaintiffs' sham allegations, resulting in an award of \$15,000 in monetary sanctions in favor of the client.