



Christopher Ramsay

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Profile

When a corporate entity enters the zone of insolvency, many stakeholders are directly impacted: employees, management, trade creditors and lenders. Critical decisions have to be made by the board in real-time. Time is acutely compressed, payroll may be owing, creditors are pressing and deadlines are imminent.

Chris is recognized as a leading insolvency lawyer in British Columbia. He is able to calm the waters during these troubled times and develop strategies that give critical breathing room to allow constructive dialogue between a company and its stakeholders with a view to moving towards a common restructuring goal.

He is also one of the leading fraud and asset recovery lawyers in western Canada. He has been retained as counsel in many large international complex fraud cases and is one of only four designated Canadian members of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) FraudNet. He has over 25 years of experience in the investigation of fraud, the tracing and recovering of proceeds of fraud worldwide, and the implementation of recovery strategies retaining foreign lawyers, forensic accountants and other experts.

Work Highlights

Huldra Mining

- > CCAA acting for the debtor company

The League group of entities

- > CCAA acting for the debtor company

New Future group of companies

- > CCAA acting for the debtor company

Additional work highlights below

Chris represents diverse stakeholders in contentious insolvency and fraud matters, including acting for corporations, creditors, financial institutions, investors, purchasers of distressed assets, boards of directors and insolvency professionals. He regularly presents in the areas of fraud and insolvency and is a leading expert in Canada in the area of Ponzi schemes and investor recovery.

Services

- > Insolvency and restructuring
- > Corporate restructuring
- > Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act
- > Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act
- > Cross-border insolvency proceedings, including Chapter 11 proceedings under the United States Bankruptcy Code
- > Distressed M&A transactions, including board of directors for both the target and acquiring entities, and creditors including bondholders under trust indentures
- > Multi-jurisdictional fraud matters
- > Collections
- > Commercial bankruptcies
- > Receiverships
- > Creditors' rights
- > Debtor protection
- > Security enforcement

He has successfully guided countless companies through the often stressful and foreign processes of commercial insolvency, restructuring and fraud and asset recovery. He protects clients with strategy, strength and experience to help them move forward from the confines of their commercial challenges.

Credentials

Awards & Distinctions

- > Best Lawyers in Canada: Banking and Finance Law, Corporate and Commercial Litigation, Insolvency and Financial Restructuring Law, 2021-2022
- > Listed in Who's Who Legal as one of the leading insolvency lawyers in Canada

- > Listed in Who's Who Legal as one of the leading fraud/asset recovery lawyers in Canada
- > Best Lawyers in Canada: Banking and Finance Law, Corporate and Commercial Litigation, 2020 and 2021
- > Best Lawyers in Canada: Insolvency and Financial Restructuring Law, 2015-2021
- > Member of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) FraudNet

Industry Involvement

- > Canadian Bar Association
- > Turnaround Management Association
- > International Bar Association
- > American Bankruptcy Institute
- > INSOL

Education & Call to Bar

- > Calls to the Bar: London, England, 1990; British Columbia, 1996

Additional Work Highlights

Yukon Zinc

- > CCAA acting for a purchaser of the assets

Samji bankruptcy

- > Acting for the trustee in bankruptcy

The Sunrise group

- > CCAA acting for the company

Tan bankruptcy

- > Acting for the trustee in bankruptcy