



Christopher Ramsay

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Profile

Christopher Ramsay is a senior partner at Clark Wilson LLP, where he chairs the firm's Insolvency & Restructuring and Fraud & Asset Recovery groups.

Chris is an accomplished insolvency, business and litigation lawyer with over 25 years of experience advising financially troubled businesses in need of restructuring. He represents a wide range of stakeholders in contentious insolvency and fraud matters, including corporations, bondholders, creditors, financial institutions, investors, purchasers of distressed assets, boards of directors, and insolvency professionals. Chris has extensive experience in restructurings under the Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act and the Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act of Canada.

He has represented clients in almost every industry, including:

- > mining
- > real estate
- > retail
- > forestry
- > aviation
- > cryptocurrency
- > manufacturing

- > cannabis
- > technology

He has significant cross-border insolvency experience under Chapter 15 of the United States Bankruptcy Code and has worked extensively with United States counsel on cross-border insolvency and fraud proceedings. Chris is a member of the Insolvency Institute of Canada, Canada's premier insolvency organization, which is drawn from the top experienced insolvency professionals in Canada.

Chris has prosecuted numerous significant and complex international fraud cases and is one of only four designated Canadian members of the International Chamber of Commerce's FraudNet. He has years of experience investigating fraud, tracing and recovering proceeds worldwide, and implementing extraordinary international recovery strategies such as Mareva injunctions, Anton Piller orders, Norwich discovery orders, and tracing orders.

Chris regularly presents on topics related to fraud and insolvency and is a leading expert in Canada on Ponzi schemes and investor recovery. His peers nationwide consistently recognize Chris as a Best Lawyer® in Canada and in Lexpert for his extensive work in insolvency, business litigation, fraud, and asset recovery.

Work Highlights

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
- > Asset recovery and tracing
- > Commercial bankruptcies
- > Receivables
- > Creditors' rights
- > Debtor protection
- > Security enforcement

Credentials

Awards & Distinctions

- > Best Lawyers® in Canada, Banking and Finance Law, 2020-2026, Corporate and Commercial Litigation, 2019-2026, Insolvency and Financial Restructuring Law, 2015-2026

- > 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
- > Member of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) FraudNet

Industry Involvement

- > American Bankruptcy Institute
- > Canadian Bar Association, member, 1996 - Present
- > Canadian Bar Association of British Columbia, member, 1996 - Present
- > International Bar Association
- > INSOL
- > Turnaround Management Association

External Publications

- > Co-author, Navigating Cross-Border Insolvency in the Digital Age: Insights from Atom Holdings, published in in LexisNexis' National Creditor Debtor Review, 2025

Education & Call to Bar

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