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Principal & Co-founder

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Professional qualifications and admissions

- 2016, ARITA Advanced Certification – Advanced Restructuring & Turnaround
- 2005, Insolvency Qualification and Insolvency Education Program Certificate, IPA
- 2002, Admission as a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of NSW
- 1996 – 2000, Bachelor of Laws (LLB) *University of New South Wales*
- 1996 – 2000, Bachelor of Science (BSc) *University of New South Wales*

Career history

- 2017 - present: Assured Legal Solutions
- 2012 – 2017: Norton Rose Fulbright Australia
- 2009 – 2011: Latham & Watkins (London) LLP
- 2002 – 2009: Deacons Australia

General experience overview

Chris is a finance and corporate specialist with over 20 years' experience. Prior to co-founding Assured, he was a partner at a leading international law firm in Sydney and has practiced law at Latham & Watkins, the preeminent global law firm in London.

Chris specialises in advising corporates and their financiers on all elements of transaction and capital management.

Major transactions

Below is a selection of matters Chris has worked on, both at Assured and at previous organisations:

- Acting for a number of tech start-ups. Advising on their corporate structure and acting as an external General Counsel for their day-to-day legal enquiries.
- Advising various SMEs on corporate structuring, contractual disputes and supply agreements.
- Advising a range of non-bank commercial lenders on all elements of the life cycle of commercial loans from initial structuring documenting through to restructuring, enforcement and discharge.
- Advising leading restructuring firm PPB Advisory on its merger with PwC Australia.
- Advising Deloitte in the administration of Howards Storage World.
- Advising National Australia Bank Limited and then Ferrier Hodgson in the receivership of Dick Smith Electronics.
- Advising Morgan Stanley and Blackstone in the management, restructuring and recovery of various distressed property loans acquired from BoSI and Capital Finance.
- Advising NAB and its receivers and managers in a trade on receivership of a major Australian stud farm, including providing new money funding and asset realisations.



Recognition and awards

- Named one of 2008's 'Young Guns' by Lawyers Weekly
- Nominated for Australian Law Council's 2008 Young Lawyer of the Year

- Advising one of the 'Big 4' Australian banks in the restructuring of a mining services company, culminating in a back-door listing onto the ASX.
- Leading the UK team in the restructuring of a leading African cement producer in removal of R15 billion from its balance sheet.
- Acting for a UK steel producer in its £360 million restructuring of various syndicated, bilateral, ABL and other facilities.
- Representing ING as security agent, senior agent and mezzanine agent in the restructuring of the €310 million senior (and hedging) debt and €80 million mezzanine debt of a German automotive company.
- Representing the Government of Dubai on a specific work-stream in the restructuring of Dubai World's \$26 billion debt.
- Acting for PPB Advisory in the restructuring of Allco Principals Trust using voluntary administration and a deed of company arrangement.
- Acting for PPB Advisory in its national merger with SimsPartners to establish the national insolvency practice of PPB Advisory.
- Advising directors of a listed ASX company prior to takeover after reviewing accounting, financial and legal due diligence of company. Advice prepared during takeover process and tabled for the board at the final meeting before recommending in favour of the takeover.

