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Christopher Douse's practice includes the representation of venture capital funds, investors in private equity transactions, start-up companies, and private and public companies in the mature stages of their growth cycle.

Mr. Douse focuses his practice on mergers and acquisitions, public and private equity and debt offerings, including public securities offerings and private placements of convertible debt, preferred stock, common stock and warrants, corporate governance and other general business law matters. Mr. Douse's practice includes the representation of venture capital funds, investors in private equity transactions, start-up companies, and private and public companies in the mature stages of their growth cycle.

Mr. Douse has particular experience in all aspects of public and private company representation, including extensive mergers and acquisitions experience for both publicly-traded and privately-held companies, public offerings, private placements, reporting obligations under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, compliance with Sarbanes-Oxley and Dodd-Frank, and general corporate matters, including public and private capital formation, strategic alliances and joint ventures, corporate and commercial agreements, executive and employee compensation issues, corporate governance and business law advice. He also practices in the areas of commercial finance and banking, including transactions involving vessel finance and general business, equipment and inventory finance, representing both borrowers and lenders.

Representative Matters

Mergers & Acquisitions, Corporate and Restructuring Transactions

- Represented a global leader in benchmarking and analytics for the hospitality industry in its acquisition by a publicly traded company for \$450 million in cash.
- Represented VendEngine, Inc. in its \$84 million sale to Tyler Technologies, Inc. (NYSE: TYL).
- Represented the shareholders of CareHere, LLC in its sale to Premise Health.
- Represented Franklin American Mortgage in the sale of substantially all of its assets to Citizens Financial Group (NYSE: CFG).
- Represented sellers in a transaction valued at more than \$200 million involving five quarries and related operations in the Southeastern United States.
- Represented PathGroup, Inc. in a recapitalization transaction with Pritzker Group Private Capital.
- Represented Direct Auto Insurance in its acquisition by National General Insurance (Nasdaq:NGHC) valued at approximately \$165 million.
- Represented Crawford & Company (NYSE: CRD-A and CRD-B) in its \$45.5 million acquisition of a leading subrogation firm, Praxis Consulting, Inc.
- Represented a closely held heavy equipment company in a \$42 million asset sale to a private equity-backed equipment company.
- Represented a privately held importer, processor, and supplier of spices on the acquisition of a U.S. based spice company.
- Represented a private equity fund in connection with its \$30 million acquisition of a controlling interest in a specialty plastics manufacturer.
- Represented a medical gas manufacturing and distribution company in connection with the sale of all of its assets for \$8 million to a multi-national competitor.
- Represented a federal government contracting firm in the acquisition of a competitor firm.

- Represented a federal government contracting firm in its sale of equity to a private equity firm.
- Represented multiple not-for-profit universities in acquisitions of not-for-profit colleges and other educational programs.
- Served as counsel for a company in the sale of the company's diving assets and support vessels.
- Represented a company in the alcohol and drug treatment industry in an acquisition of inpatient and outpatient facility.
- Represented a leading management consulting firm in its membership interest sale to a leading business advisory firm.
- Represented a client in the sale of its nationwide solar asset management company, which was valued at \$26 million and provided solar power system operations and maintenance services, to a private equity company.
- Represented an acquiring company in connection with its acquisition of a public bank, including the related registration of the company's common stock as merger consideration on Form S-4.
- General corporate representation of companies in the marine services industry in the Gulf of Mexico and internationally, including acquisitions, mergers, joint ventures, loans and contracts with customers.

Securities Offerings and Compliance

- Represented Community Healthcare Trust Incorporated (NYSE) in its initial public offering of 6,250,000 shares with proceeds of \$145 million and its \$75 million follow-on offering.
- Served as co-lead counsel for Community Healthcare Trust Incorporated (NYSE) on \$750 million universal shelf on registration statement on Form S-3 of common stock, preferred stock, depository shares, rights, warrants, debt securities and guarantees, and shelf take-down of \$110 million of common stock.
- Represented two bank holding companies in connection with \$55 million and \$46 million initial public offerings, respectively.
- Served as counsel for a manufacturing company in connection with a \$175 million follow-on offering.
- Represented a biopharmaceutical drug company in connection with a \$15 million follow-on offering.
- Assisted with initial and additional listings of securities with NYSE, NYSE MKT and Nasdaq, and continued exchange compliance.
- Represented underwriters in \$40 million private placement of pass-through certificates.

Commercial Finance

- Represented lenders and borrowers in regional, national and international secured loan transactions, ranging from \$2 million to \$1 billion, providing working capital facilities and term loans.
- Represented buyers and sellers in mergers and acquisitions in which seller finance is involved as part of the consideration paid in the transaction.



Professional Honors & Activities

- Named a *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America* for Mergers and Acquisitions Law and Securities/Capital Markets Law (2021 – 2023)
- Listed as a Mid-South Rising Star (2017 – 2021, 2024)
- Former Chairman – Nashville Pro Bono Committee (2016 – 2021)
- Volunteer Coordinator – H.E.L.P. (Homeless Experience Legal Protection) Clinic (2016 – 2020)
- Pro Bono Publico award by AIDS Law of Louisiana, Inc. (2012)



Education

- Tulane University Law School, J.D., 2011, magna cum laude
 - Omicron Delta Kappa
 - *Tulane Maritime Law Journal*, Editor-in-Chief
 - Moot Court Board, member

- University of Georgia, B.A., 2007, cum laude



Admissions

- Tennessee, 2015
- Louisiana, 2011