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“ The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena...who at the best knows, in the end, the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat. ”

-Theodore Roosevelt, "The Man in the Arena"

CHRISTOPHER WALTHER

Christopher Walther's transactional practice focuses on corporate, business, and commercial real estate matters.

Chris serves as Fennemore's Assistant Secretary and counsels clients on corporate organization, governance, and restructuring (including mergers and acquisitions) and negotiates, drafts, and interprets a wide range of business agreements. He represents commercial lenders and borrowers in negotiating, documenting, modifying, and enforcing secured loans, and advises sellers, buyers, lessors, and lessees in acquiring, financing, leasing, and disposing of commercial real estate and personal property. A member of Fennemore's Opinion Committee, Chris has an established legal opinion letter practice, and is regularly engaged to provide opinions in complex financing transactions.

Chris has twice been named the Las Vegas "Lawyer of the Year" in Commercial Finance Law by Best Lawyers in America® (2023 and 2025) and has been consistently recognized in real estate and corporate law. He writes frequently on corporate and real estate law developments affecting Nevada businesses.

Chris is the Secretary and a Director of Family Promise of Las Vegas, a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping at-risk families with children achieve secure housing, financial stability, and long-term independence. He also volunteers as a pro bono attorney with the Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada's Landlord/Tenant Ask-A-Lawyer Program, providing guidance to residential landlords and tenants navigating housing-related legal challenges.

Originally from the Pacific Northwest, Chris chose to practice law in Las Vegas because of its unique and dynamic business environment. Outside the office, he enjoys spending college football Saturdays with his family rooting on the Oregon Ducks, Michigan Wolverines, and Brown Bears (with whom he won the 1999 Ivy League Championship and later earned All-Ivy League academic and football honors).

EDUCATION

J.D., University of Oregon School of Law

A.B., Brown University

Executive Editor, *Oregon Law Review*

Brown University Varsity Football Team (1999 Ivy League Champions)

Academic All-Ivy

All-Ivy League Tight End (Honorable Mention)

AREAS OF PRACTICE

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Real Estate Finance and Lending

Business & Finance

Real Estate

Venture Accelerator

REPRESENTATIVE CASES

Led the negotiations for the consignment and sale (via public auction) of the LeBron James Triple Logoman basketball card, the most expensive sports trading card ever pulled from its packaging and sold in the same year.

Guided a financial institution in entering into a long-term naming rights and sponsorship agreement for a metropolitan, multi-purpose arena that is home to NCAA Division I men's and women's basketball teams.

Assisted a casino resort owner with all aspects of the lease and subsequent sale of the underlying real property to the United States Air Force for national security purposes.

Advised a real estate development company on the acquisition and development of real estate projects located throughout the country and financed by public and private funds.

Delivered a complex Nevada opinion letter in connection with financing secured by a long-term Las Vegas Strip casino resort lease.

Counseled a residential apartment developer in obtaining and refinancing numerous loans from institutional lenders (including Freddie Mac loans), which efforts included negotiating loan document terms, performing due diligence, and delivering legal opinion letters.

Successfully negotiated with government authorities regarding the placement of a temporary building wrap on a partially constructed hotel and casino project in order to improve the aesthetic experience of pedestrians on the Las Vegas Strip.

Restructured a former Las Vegas casino owner's corporate subsidiaries through several mergers, conversions, and dissolutions in order to simplify the client's ownership structure while achieving the client's desired tax benefits.

AWARDS AND HONORS

Best Lawyers in America[®], Lawyer of the Year, Commercial Finance Law, 2023 & 2025

Best Lawyers in America[®], Commercial Finance Law, 2021-2026

Best Lawyers in America[®], Real Estate Law, 2018-2026

Best Lawyers in America[®], Corporate Law, 2025-2026

"Legal Elite," *Nevada Business Magazine*, 2018-2019

"Best Up and Coming Attorneys," *Nevada Business Magazine*, 2013, 2015

Mountain States Super Lawyers Rising Star[®], 2009, 2021

National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame Scholar Athlete of the Year Scholarship (Portland, Oregon Chapter), 1998

AV[®] Preeminent™ Peer Review Rated (the highest rating available), by Martindale-Hubbell

ARTICLES AND PRESENTATIONS

Co-Author, *Nevada Corporate M&A 2026 Guide*, Chambers Global, 2026

Author, "New Nevada Precedent: Statutes of Limitation Can Be Waived by Contract," Las Vegas Review-Journal, September 1, 2025

Co-Author, "Treasury Suspends Enforcement of Corporate Transparency Act & Proposes Narrowed Scope," Fennemore Blog, March 5, 2025

Co-Author, "Client Alert: Corporate Transparency Act Compliance – New Filing Deadline & Compliance Tool," Fennemore Blog, February 20, 2025

Co-Author, "Nationwide Injunction Temporarily Halts Corporate Transparency Act BOIR Filing Requirements: What You Need to Know," Fennemore Blog, December 5, 2024

Co-Author, Fennemore Notice To Clients – Corporate Transparency Act, Fennemore Client Alert, December 29, 2023

Author, "5 Traps to Avoid When Selling CRE in Las Vegas Area," Law360, December 14, 2023

Author, "Traps for Sellers of Commercial Real Estate in Clark County," Fennemore Blog, August 24, 2023

Author, "What You Need to Know About Corporate Transparency in 2022," The Nevada Independent, April 11, 2022

Co-Author, "Bishop and Zucker on Nevada Corporations and Limited Liability Companies"

Co-Author, "Doing Business in Nevada: A Practical Guide"

Contributing Author, "State-by-State Guide to Commercial Real Estate Leases," 2019-2025 Editions, Nevada Chapter

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Member, State Bar of Nevada

Secretary and Director, Family Promise of Las Vegas

Pro Bono Attorney, Landlord/Tenant Ask-A-Lawyer Program, Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada

ADMISSIONS

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