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Main Bio

Chris Fahrendorf's practice is concentrated in the area of commercial finance and real estate transactions. He represents developers in the acquisition, financing, leasing and disposition of retail, office, residential and mixed-use developments. Chris also represents financial institutions in real estate and asset-based lending transactions.

Representative Transactions

- Closed the purchase of over \$20 million of distressed debt
- Represented developer as local counsel in \$550 million shopping center refinancing
- Negotiated leases and other transaction documents with national and regional retailers
- Represented residential builder in negotiations of development agreement with City of Tempe
- Drafted condominium declaration and related documents for 50,000 square-foot office condominium project
- Negotiated \$42 million loan for an office/retail project

Education

- Arizona State University, Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law (J.D.)
 - Associate Managing Editor, Arizona State Law Journal
- University of Arizona (B.S., Business Administration, minor in Spanish, *magna cum laude*)

Professional Memberships & Activities

- Real Property Section, State Bar of Arizona

Representative Presentations & Publications

- "[Federal Reserve Expands Main Street Lending Program; New Affiliate Rules May Impact Some Borrowers.](#)" Co-Author, Snell & Wilmer (May 1, 2020)
- "[Federal Reserve Announces \\$600B Loan Terms Under New Main Street Loan Facility.](#)" Co-Author, Snell & Wilmer Legal Alert (April 9, 2020)

Professional Recognition & Awards

- The Best Lawyers in America®, Real Estate Law (2024)

Community Involvement

- Saint Mary's Scholarship and Benefit Fund, President (2005-present)
- Exito, Inc., Chairman, Board of Directors (2005-2008)

Previous Professional Experience

- Fahrendorf Law Firm P.C., Attorney (2009-2011)
- Valenzuela Law Firm PLC, Attorney (2005-2009)
- Ryley Carlock & Applewhite, Associate (2000-2005)

Bar Admissions

- Arizona

Court Admissions

- Supreme Court of Arizona

Client News

- Snell & Wilmer Advises on \$11 Billion Financing of Largest Clean Energy Infrastructure Project in U.S. History