Christopher M. Samis
Partner

Chris Samis "is focused, practical and works to get a deal done," say market sources. He is well regarded for his representation of creditors' committees in complex Chapter 11 proceedings. Sources also say he is "very smart, knowledgeable about Delaware practice, well regarded, well connected and extremely responsive."

— Extracts from 2018 and 2019 Chambers USA

Chris Samis focuses his practice on corporate bankruptcy, business restructuring and other insolvency-related matters. He routinely represents debtors, official committees, individual creditors and other parties-in-interest in chapter 11 and chapter 7 bankruptcy cases before the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware. Chris's bankruptcy and restructuring representations span a wide variety of industries including the retail, manufacturing, restaurant, telecommunications, publishing, pharmaceutical, biotech, energy, finance, entertainment, transportation, real estate and construction industries. Chris also represents assignees for the benefit of creditors in the Chancery Court of Delaware.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Debtor Representations

- Co-counsel to the debtors, Blackhawk Mining LLC, et al., Case No. 19-11595 (LSS)
- Counsel to the debtors, Conergy Holding, Inc., et al., Case No. 18-10358 (CSS)
- Counsel to the debtors, Draw Another Circle, LLC, et al., Case No. 16-11452 (KJC) (Hastings Entertainment and MovieStop stores)
- Special conflicts counsel to certain of the debtors, Verso Corporation, et al., Case No. 16-10163 (KG)
- Co-counsel to debtors, Allied Systems Holdings, Inc., et al., Case No. 12-11564 (CSS)
- Counsel to debtors, Evergreen Energy Inc., et al., Case No. 12-10289 (KJC)
- Counsel to debtors, Bionol Clearfield, LLC, et al., Case No. 11-12301 (PJW)
- Co-counsel to debtors, CB Holding Corp., et al., Case No. 10-13683 (MFW) (Charlie Brown's Steakhouses, Bugaboo Creek Steakhouses and The Office Beer Bar & Grill)
- Co-counsel to debtors, Haight Cross Communications, Inc., et al., Case No. 10-10062 (BLS)
- Counsel to debtor, Vion Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Case No. 09-14429 (CSS)
- Counsel to debtor, deCODE genetics, Inc., Case No. 09-14063 (PJW)
- Counsel to reorganized debtors, O2Diesel Corporation and O2Diesel Fuels, Inc., Case Nos. 09-12585 (KJC) and 09-12586 (KJC)
- Co-counsel to debtors, Proliance International Holdings, Inc., et al., Case No. 09-12278 (CSS)
- Co-counsel to debtors, Mervyn’s Holdings, LLC, et al., Case No. 08-11586 (KG) (Mervyn’s department stores)
- Counsel to debtors, Linens Holding Co., et al., Case No. 08-10832 (CSS) (Linens ‘n Things department stores)
- Co-counsel to debtors, New Century TRS Holdings, Inc., et al., Case No. 07-10416 (KJC)
- Co-counsel to debtors, Advanced Marketing Services, Inc., et al., Case No. 06-11480 (CSS)
- Co-counsel to debtors, Three A’s Holdings, L.L.C., et al., Case No. 06-10886 (BLS) (Tower Records)

**Committee Representations**

- Co-counsel to the official committee of unsecured creditors, Sienna Biopharmaceuticals, Inc., Case No. 19-12051 (MFW)
- Counsel to the official committee of unsecured creditors, Avenue Stores, LLC, et al., Case No. 19-11842 (LSS)
- Counsel to the official committee of unsecured creditors, Cedar Haven Acquisition, LLC, Case No. 19-11736 (CSS)
- Co-counsel to the official committee of the unsecured creditors, Emerge Energy Services LP, et al., Case No. 19-11563 (KBO)
- Co-counsel to the official committee of unsecured creditors, Charming Charlie Holdings Inc., et al., Case No. 19-11534 (CSS)
- Co-counsel to the official committee of unsecured creditors, Z Gallerie, LLC, et al., Case No. 19-10488 (LSS)
- Counsel to the official committee of unsecured creditors, Charlotte Russe Holdings, Inc., et al., Case No. 19-10210 (LSS)
- Co-counsel to the official committee of unsecured creditors, Samuels Jewelers, Inc., Case No. 18-11818 (KJC)
- Co-counsel to the official committee of unsecured creditors, Heritage Home Group LLC, et al., Case No. 18-11736 (KG)
- Co-counsel to the official committee of unsecured creditors, The Rockport Company, LLC, et al., Case No. 18-11145 (LSS)
Co-counsel to the official committee of unsecured creditors, Videology, Inc., et al., Case No. 18-11120 (BLS)
Co-counsel to the official committee of unsecured creditors, VER Technologies Holdco LLC, et al., Case No. 18-10834 (KG)
Co-counsel to the ad hoc committee of noteholders, EV Energy Partners L.P., et al., Case No. 18-10814 (CSS)
Co-counsel to the official committee of unsecured creditors, Hobbico, Inc., et al., Case No. 18-10055 (KG)
Co-counsel to the official committee of unsecured creditors, Rentech WP U.S., Inc., et al., Case No. 17-12958 (CSS)
Co-counsel to the official committee of unsecured creditors, Velocity Holding Company, Inc., et al., Case No. 17-12442 (KJC)
Co-counsel to the official committee of unsecured creditors, GST AutoLeather, Inc., et al., Case No. 17-12100 (LSS)
Co-counsel to the official committee of unsecured creditors, Vitamin World, Inc., et al., Case No. 17-11933 (KJC)
Co-counsel to the official committee of unsecured creditors, Peekay Acquisitions, LLC, et al., Case No. 17-11722 (BLS)
Co-counsel to the official committee of unsecured creditors, TK Holdings Inc., et al., Case No. 17-11375 (BLS)
Counsel to the official committee of unsecured creditors, Tidewater, Inc., et al., Case No. 17-11132 (BLS)
Co-counsel to the official committee of unsecured creditors, Rupari Holding Corp., et al., Case No. 17-10793 (KJC)
Co-counsel to the official committee of unsecured creditors, Prestige Industries LLC, Case No. 17-10186 (KG)
Co-counsel to the official committee of unsecured creditors, Optima Specialty Steel, Inc., et al., Case No. 16-12789 (KJC)
Co-counsel to the official committee of unsecured creditors, Constellation Enterprises LLC, et al., Case No. 16-11213 (CSS)
Counsel to the official committee of unsecured creditors, Emerald Oil Inc., et al., Case No. 16-10704 (KG)
Co-counsel to the official committee of unsecured creditors, Northshore Mainland Services, Inc., et al., Case No. 15-11402 (KJC)
Co-counsel to official committee of unsecured creditors, RadioShack Corporation, et al., Case No. 15-10197 (BLS)
Co-counsel to official committee of unsecured creditors, Quantum Foods LLC, et al., Case No. 14-10318 (KJC)
Co-counsel to official committee of unsecured creditors, EWGS Intermediary, LLC, et al., Case No. 13-12876 (MFW) (Edwin Watts Golf Shops)
Co-counsel to official committee of unsecured creditors, TPO Hess Holdings, Inc., et al., Case No. 13-11327 (KJC)
Co-counsel to official committee of unsecured creditors, Ritz Camera & Image, L.L.C., et al., Case No. 12-11888 (KG)
Co-counsel to official committee of unsecured creditors, Nortel Networks Inc., et al., Case No. 09-10138 (KG)

Liquidating Fiduciary Representations
Counsel to liquidation trustee, The Relay Shoe Company, LLC, et al., Case No. 18-11145 (LSS) (The Rockport Company, LLC, et al.)
• Counsel to liquidating trustee, GAL Liquidating Corp., et al., Case No. 17-12100 (LSS) (GST AutoLeather, Inc., et al.)
• Counsel to liquidating trustee, Rentech WP U.S., Inc., et al., Case No. 17-12958 (CSS)
• Counsel to liquidating trustee, RS Legacy Corporation, et al., Case No. 15-10197 (BLS) (RadioShack Corporation, et al.)
• Counsel to liquidating trustee, EBHI Holdings, Inc., et al., Case No. 09-12099 (MFW) (Eddie Bauer Holdings, Inc., et al.)
• Counsel to liquidating trustee, Midway Games Inc., et al., Case No. 09-10465 (KG)
• Co-counsel to the plan administrator, Mervyn's Holdings, LLC, et al., Case No. 08-11586 (KG) Mervyn's department stores
• Counsel to liquidating trustee, CanFibre of Riverside, Inc., Case No. 00-04019 (KJC)

Asset Purchaser Representations
• Co-counsel to significant asset purchaser, DB Holdings Liquidation, Inc. (f/k/a Directbuy Holdings, Inc.), et al., Case No. 16-12435 (CSS)
• Co-counsel to significant asset purchaser, Cal Dive International, Inc., et al., Case No. 15-10458 (CSS)
• Counsel to significant asset purchaser, Allen Family Foods, Inc., et al., Case No. 11-11764 (KJC)
• Counsel to significant asset purchaser, Townsends Inc., et al., Case No. 10-14092 (CSS)
• Co-counsel to significant asset purchaser, TallyGenicom, LP, et al., Case No. 09-10266 (CSS)
• Counsel to significant asset purchaser, Jancor Companies, Inc., et al., Case No. 08-12556 (MFW)

Other Significant Representations
• Co-counsel to the DIP lender and stalking horse purchaser, Candi Controls, Inc., Case No. 18-10679 (CSS)
• Co-counsel to significant secured parties protecting their rights in certain collateral, The Weinstein Company Holdings LLC, et al., Case No. 18-10601 (MFW)
• Co-counsel to the DIP lender, Orexigen Therapeutics, Inc., et al., Case No. 18-10518 (KG)
• Co-counsel to significant secured party protecting its collateral in complex, cross-border bankruptcy proceedings, Exelco North America, Inc., Case No. 17-12029 (KG)
• Counsel to the DIP lender and plan sponsor, iON Worldwide, Inc. et al., Case No. 16-11543 (LSS)
• Co-counsel to the non-consenting lenders, Millennium Lab Holdings II, LLC, et al., Case No. 15-12284 (LSS)
• Counsel to state government property lessor, Big Island Carbon, LLC, Case No. 12-13023 (BLS)
• Counsel to indenture trustee for municipal development bonds, Sky Bridge Resorts Community, L.L.C., Case No. 10-10345 (KG)
• Counsel to the assignee for the benefit of creditors, WeedHire International, Inc., Case No. 11866-CB
RECENT NEWS

33 Potter Anderson Attorneys Named to the 2020 Best Lawyers® List
August 15, 2019

Good and Samis Named to Benchmark Litigation’s 2019 “40 and Under Hot List”
August 2, 2019

Potter Anderson Partners Weigh in on Uptick in Delaware Bankruptcy Litigation
July 29, 2019

Eight Potter Anderson Lawyers Named to 2019 Delaware Rising Stars List
May 14, 2019

Chambers USA 2019 Names 22 Potter Anderson Attorneys and 5 Practices Among the Best in Delaware
April 25, 2019

Potter Anderson Expands Bankruptcy Practice With Three New Lawyers
Christopher M. Samis and L. Katherine Good Join Leading Delaware Law Firm as Partners, Aaron H. Stulman as Associate
April 8, 2019

RECENT EVENTS & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

ABI/DSBA Delaware Views from the Bench, 2017 (“Mid-Level Track: Career Development Paths”)

Delaware American Bankruptcy Inn of Court, 2016 (“Pitch Perfect”)

Delaware American Bankruptcy Inn of Court, 2015 (“Structured Dismissal: Permissible Case Resolution or a Scourge on the Code?”)

ABA Business Law Section Fall Meeting, 2014 (“Bankruptcy for Breakfast”)

Delaware American Bankruptcy Inn of Court, 2013 (“Best Practices for Handling Pro Se Litigants”)

Delaware American Bankruptcy Inn of Court, 2012 (“Stern v. Marshall: 10 Months Later”)

ABA Business Law Section Fall Meeting, 2012 (“Bankruptcy for Breakfast”)

Delaware American Bankruptcy Inn of Court, 2010 (“Committee You’re On!”)