



# CHRISTOPHER G. MARTIN

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Chris Martin is Martin LLP's Managing Partner and founder. For more than 30 years, Chris has provided general legal, tax and business advice to privately held lower middle market growth companies and their key stakeholders, including founders, private equity groups and other investors as well as senior executives.

Chris provides strategic legal (including tax) and business advice to companies who have achieved a certain size, typically powered by deep subject-matter expertise, and seek to grow beyond what they are capable of by working alone. He enables clients to maximize the value of their enterprises, and dramatically accelerate growth. His legal practice includes general corporate law, mergers & acquisitions and taxation matters. Chris is also the founder of a private equity firm that invests in growth companies.

He began his career in the emerging companies practices at two Big Four accounting firms, followed by six years at a large, international law firm. In 1996, Chris launched Martin LLP, with a specific focus on helping entrepreneurs grow and maximize the value of their companies. His primary clients are self-funded companies that have grown dissatisfied with the level and nature of the representation they've received from traditional large firms and require a new approach to scale.

As both a CPA and an attorney, Chris brings deep accounting and tax expertise to his clients, in addition to his legal capabilities. An entrepreneur himself, Chris speaks his clients' language, understands their issues and challenges, and is uniquely capable of viewing situations from a business owner's perspective.

In this role, Chris does a great deal of listening. He strives to understand not only the client's current situation, but the path that got them there, and from their point of view, their biggest challenges as well as their most significant opportunities. Armed with this information, he then leverages his network to assemble a legal team to meet their needs, including specialized expertise from other law firms as necessary.

In addition to his professional activities, Chris is active with a number of charities, including the Inner-City Foundation for Charity and Education, the New Covenant House, and the Connecticut chapter of My TEAM TRIUMPH, which provides endurance team sport opportunities for disabled athletes. He's an enthusiastic skier, hiker and golfer, and the father of a son and a daughter.

## HONORS

- >> Chambers USA
- >> New England Super Lawyers
- >> Connecticut Super Lawyers
- >> Rated AV by Martindale-Hubbell 25 years

## ADMISSIONS

- >> Connecticut, 1988
- >> New York, 1989

## EDUCATION

- >> Pace University School of Law, J.D., 1988
- >> Sacred Heart University, B.S., Accounting and Computer Science, 1983

## AFFILIATIONS

- >> Association for Corporate Growth, Connecticut Chapter
- >> Inner-City Foundation for Charity & Education, Board of Directors

## AREAS OF PRACTICE

- >> Corporate
- >> Mergers & Acquisitions
- >> Growth Companies
- >> Taxation
- >> Private Securities Offerings