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## **CHRISTOPHER CLAY**

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Chris specializes in internal investigations, regulatory matters, enforcement actions, and crisis management.

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## **BACKGROUND**

Chris earned a B.A. at Dartmouth College and a J.D. from Boston College Law School. Before attending law school he earned a Ph.D. in Japanese literature at Yale University, where he wrote his dissertation on the novels of Natsume Soseki.

## **KEY SERVICES**

[Dispute Resolution](#)

## **EXPERIENCE**

Chris is a NY-registered lawyer trained in the United States. He is fluent in Japanese, and has extensive in-house experience at MUFG (Japan's largest bank) both in New York and Tokyo. Chris brings deep experience navigating internal investigations, regulatory inquiries, crisis management matters, and civil and criminal enforcement actions before a wide range of authorities in the U.S., Europe, Japan, and across Asia. He is also deeply experienced in financial crimes matters.

As a fluent Japanese speaker with extensive in-house experience, Chris is sensitive to the many unique client service needs and requirements Japanese and other clients have in handling their matters. He has extensive experience involving economic sanctions, anti-money laundering, anti-bribery and corruption, export violations, antitrust and competition law, markets conduct, and other regulatory areas.

