

### **CHRISTIE A. HILL**

Chicago, IL and Las Vegas, NV



### **EXECUTIVE PROFILE**

Chris is a senior executive with over 30 years of legal and business experience and a proven track record of guiding international public companies and their boards through both transformational and turbulent change. Leveraging her more than 25 years of boardroom experience as chief legal officer and corporate secretary at Fortune 100, ASX Top 20, and other global public companies, Chris has helped corporate boards navigate through some of their most consequential decisions, including strategic alternative reviews, sales of the business, CEO transitions, and responses to global operational crises. Her skills across multiple functions and industries, including technology, gaming, and telecommunications, coupled with her expertise in regulatory matters and crisis management, well round her as a corporate fiduciary in volatile times.

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

# ARISTOCRAT LEISURE LIMITED (ASX: ALL), Sydney, Australia Chief Legal Officer (February 2020 - February 2025)

Aristocrat is an ASX Top 20 company that designs, develops, and distributes gaming content, platforms, and systems, including land-based casino games, casino management systems, online real-money gaming, and social casino (free-to-play) games. It is licensed in more than 300 jurisdictions and operates in more than 90 countries, with over 8,500 employees worldwide and annual revenues of \$4.6 billion and market capitalization of \$29.8 billion in 2024.

Member of the Executive Steering Committee and head of 100+ legal, governance, and compliance team based in the US, UK, Europe, Israel, and Australia. Key accomplishments include:

- Chairing management's Executive Governance Committee and implementing governance, risk management, and strategic frameworks that increased organizational readiness and response capabilities during periods of extraordinary uncertainty without compromising operational execution and risk tolerances.
- Safely re-locating thousands of team members and their families from war-torn regions in Ukraine and Israel while maintaining business continuity.
- Creatively structuring and closing Aristocrat's \$1.2 billion acquisition of Nasdaq-listed, Luxembourg-incorporated, Israel-domiciled NeoGames SA, completing the capstone of its five-year Connect & Unleash strategy and expansion into online real-money gaming.
- Favorably settling a class action lawsuit within the first three months of joining Aristocrat that threatened the business model of a line of business (social casinos) generating roughly \$1 billion of annual revenues.
- Transforming and upleveling the global legal, governance, and compliance teams (including developing two CLO successor candidates), and overhauling outdated global processes and systems, both of which the CEO credited for contributing to the company's achievement of its five-year strategy and doubling its market capitalization.
- Securing a broad preliminary injunction against Aristocrat's biggest competitor for alleged trade secret theft and intellectual property misappropriation, requiring the removal of thousands of infringing games from land-based and online markets around the world and prompting a nearly 20% drop in the competitor's market capitalization.
- Representing Aristocrat by serving as its designee on the Board of Trustees of Global Gaming Women and by being short-listed for Global Gaming Award's 2024 American Executive of the Year.

# THE DUN & BRADSTREET CORPORATION (NYSE: DNB), Short Hills, NJ Chief Legal Officer & Head of Global Corporate Citizenship (2011 - 2019)

Dun & Bradstreet is a business information and analytics company doing business with 90% of the Fortune 500 and operating in over 190 jurisdictions, with nearly 6,000 employees and annual revenues of \$2.3 billion in fiscal year 2019.

Member of the Global Leadership Team and leader of 70+ legal, governance, compliance, supply chain, and ESG professionals located in the US, UK, Europe, China, and India. Key accomplishments include:

• Advising the board on D&B's strategic alternatives review and co-leading the eventual \$6.9 billion sale of the company to a private equity consortium.

- Leading and resolving a six-year long FCPA matter in China dating back to 2006 that included permanent closure of the Chinese business; self-reporting to the SEC and DOJ and achieving a favorable settlement of the related enforcement actions without jeopardizing D&B's government contracts; criminal prosecutions in China of the subsidiary and local leaders; and a multitude of public disclosure, government relations, public relations, and human relations issues arising in both countries.
- Navigating the board through two CEO transitions and managing all off-boarding and on-boarding activities, including public disclosure, crisis communications, and employment and separation negotiations.
- Building and leading D&B's government relations team and spearheading its response to hostile regulatory campaigns in Washington, DC and Beijing, eventually becoming a collaborative thought partner to China's central bank (the People's Bank of China) as it modernized the country's corporate credit reporting system, and securing the central bank's first Credit Reporting Agency license issued to a foreign-owned entity, despite growing US-China geopolitical tensions.
- Formalizing D&B's ESG program, including launching its first pro bono program, globalizing its "Do Good" employee volunteer program, and leveraging D&B's data base to partner with non-profit organizations to solve pressing global problems (See, e.g., <a href="https://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/dun--bradstreet-and-virtue-foundation-partner-to-improve-access-to-medical-care-in-developing-countries-300739149.html">https://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/dun--bradstreet-and-virtue-foundation-partner-to-improve-access-to-medical-care-in-developing-countries-300739149.html</a>).

# PRIMUS TELECOMMUNICATIONS GROUP, INC. (Former NYSE: PTGI), McLean, VA General Counsel, Secretary & Chief Compliance Officer (2010 - 2011)

Primus Telecommunications was an integrated facilities-based communications services provider with operations in the US, UK, Canada, and Australia.

Member of the Executive Team and head of global legal, regulatory, and compliance team with members based in the US and Australia. Key accomplishments include directing all aspects of Arbinet's acquisition by Primus Telecommunications; serving as Arbinet's Chief HR Officer prior to the acquisition; protecting and monetizing Arbinet's patent portfolio; and securing Primus Telecommunication's listing on the NYSE.

# US TREASURY DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF FINANCIAL STABILITY, Washington, DC SES Oversight Liaison and Reporting Executive (2009 - 2010)

The Office of Financial Stability was responsible for administering the \$700 billion Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP) authorized under the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 to stabilize the US economy during the Global Financial Crisis. TARP programs included purchasing troubled assets from financial institutions, shoring up the automobile industry, and investing in programs to prevent home foreclosures, to name a few.

Executive leading a team of 30+ professionals charged with responding to inquiries from politicians, global media, and various TARP oversight bodies to drive greater transparency on various TARP programs. Key achievements include finding common ground among competing interests to fulfill TARP's mission; and assisting the Office of the Special Master of TARP Executive Compensation to ensure that TARP recipients had appropriate executive compensation and corporate governance controls.

# SPRINT NEXTEL CORPORATION (Former NYSE: S), Reston, VA VP, Corporate Governance and Ethics & Corporate Secretary (1998 - 2008)

Direct report to the CEO of a Fortune 100 company. Key accomplishments include actively partnering with the board to respond to a range of shareholder activism, from private investment funds to public pension funds and labor unions, in each instance with the board successfully negotiating favorable outcomes and avoiding contested public campaigns, negative publicity, and business disruptions, as well as co-managing all of the company's equity compensation programs.

# HONDA OF AMERICA MFG., INC., Marysville, OH Counsel (1992 - 1998)

Structured and negotiated complex transactions for Honda's manufacturing operations, including commercial contracts for its \$5.75 billion parts supply system, technical development agreements, software licensing agreements, and equipment sale-leaseback arrangements; and launched and led Honda's inaugural compliance and ethics program.

### JONES DAY, Columbus, OH Associate, Mergers & Acquisitions, Corporate Group (1986 - 1992)

### **EDUCATION**

The Ohio State University, Moritz College of Law, J.D. With Honors, 1986. The Ohio State University, B.A. Summa Cum Laude, 1983.