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Chris Killackey has over sixteen years of private equity experience in addition to his seven years of middle market lending experience. He currently serves as Partner in Prairie Capital, and is responsible for investment origination, due diligence, deal structuring, and negotiation, along with fundraising and investor relations.

Chris also has portfolio management responsibility for Prairie Capital, and is currently a director for four Prairie Capital portfolio companies, including Architectural Lighting Works, Industrial Water Treatment Solutions, Premier Dealer Services, and ProVest.

Prior to joining Prairie Capital in 1999, Chris was a Director of Chicago-based Banc One Mezzanine Corporation (now part of Chase Mezzanine), a \$100 million wholly owned subsidiary of Bank One Corporation that made subordinated debt investments in middle-market companies nationally.

Prior to joining Banc One Mezzanine in 1998, Chris spent seven years with American National Bank, most recently as a Vice President. While with American National Bank, Chris's experiences included financing leveraged buyouts and financial restructurings and managing an asset-based lending portfolio of middle market companies.

Chris graduated from the University of Illinois with a BS in finance. He received an MBA from the University of Chicago (concentrations in finance, accounting, entrepreneurial finance and strategic management) and continues to be active with the university. He lives with his wife and two daughters in the Lincoln Park neighborhood of Chicago.

In addition to his responsibilities at Prairie, Chris and his wife have been active participants in the support of their communities and schools through a variety of volunteer and fundraising services, among them The Partnership to Educate & Advance Kids ("PEAK"), Maryville Academy Crisis Nursery, The Heart Gallery of Illinois, and Thousand Waves Martial Arts and Self-Defense Center. For additional information about these organizations, please see the Civic Engagement section of this website.