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OVERVIEW

Christine represents clients in connection with the financing, development, acquisition, and restructuring of complex structured finance transactions, with a primary focus on renewable energy projects, including tax equity partnership and lease investment structures. She has negotiated financing and commercial agreements for lenders, investors, and developers, including debt and equity financing documents, letter of credit facilities, and joint venture agreements.

Christine has also represented a number of clients in *Shari'ah*-compliant structured finance and investment transactions, including private equity acquisitions, real estate transactions, and working capital facilities.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Represented a renewable energy subsidiary of a public utility holding company in connection with the negotiation of a tax equity joint venture for eight wind projects located throughout the U.S. for an aggregate investment amount exceeding $1 billion.
- Represented a renewable energy subsidiary of a public utility holding company in the tax equity financing of an approximately 150MW wind project in Texas.
- Represented a major financial institution, as lessor, in a sale of four master lease sale-leaseback facilities involving both utility-scale and distributed generation projects following SunEdison's filing for bankruptcy protection.
- Represented a sponsor in the drafting and negotiation of the documentation relating to the construction financing, tax equity financing and back leverage financing of a 200MW wind project located in Illinois.
- Represented a financial institution in the closing of nine sale-leaseback transactions for solar projects throughout California.
- Represented California community choice aggregators in connection with the bid process and transaction documentation.

AWARDS

- *Lawdragon:* 500 Global Leaders in Energy (2025-2026)

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- *Legal 500 United* States: Energy Regulation: Oil and Gas (2021-2022), Energy: Renewable/Alternative Power (2021-2022, 2024-2026), and Finance: Project Finance (2024-2026), Energy: Energy Transactions: Electric Power – mid-market ($0-$500m) (2025-2026)
- *Best Lawyers*: Ones to Watch: Project Finance Law (2021)

TOP AREAS OF FOCUS

- Energy
- Energy Construction
- Energy Storage
- Renewable Energy

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- Energy Project Financing
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PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Board member, Orange County Chapter, Alzheimer's Association, 2018-present

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Associate general counsel, Director, HDG Mansur Capital Group LLC, 2005-2010

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

EDUCATION

- Fordham University School of Law, J.D., 2000
- Georgetown University, B.S., *cum laude*, 1996

BAR ADMISSIONS

- New York
- California

CLERKSHIPS

- Hon. J.P. Puissochet, Court of Justice of the European Communities, Dean Acheson Legal Stage Program, 2001

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Speaker, “Tax Issues for Co-location of Energy Storage with Solar or Wind,” *Energy Law Insights*, May 19, 2023.
- Speaker, “The Road Ahead for Renewables,” Infocast’s Projects & Money Conference, January 25, 2023.

PUBLICATIONS

- Author, “Christine Byrnes’ Views on Solar and Storage Priorities in US Energy,” *Greentech Lead*, July 15, 2025.
- Co-author, “Private Equity and Public-Private Partnerships: Potential Roles in Solving the U.S. Infrastructure Crisis,” *Private Equity Quarterly*, June 2018.
- Co-author, “New Bipartisan Legislation Could Overturn Trump’s 30% Solar Import Tariff,” *Renewable Energy Insights*, May 2018.
- Co-author, “NCUC’s Ruling Finds Utility Watchdog Group in Violation of North Carolina Law for Its Sale of Solar Power to Greensboro Church,” *Renewable Energy Insights*, April 2016.