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Kristin Franceschi practices in the areas of sports finance and public finance law.

Kristin is a member of DLA Piper's firmwide Derivatives Committee and its Opinion Committee.

Public Finance

Kristin has extensive experience in the public finance industry, having served as bond counsel and represented issuers, borrowers and other market participants in connection with a broad spectrum of municipal finance transactions. Many of these financings are 501(c)(3) financings for nonprofits; others involve the use of complex derivatives. Kristin also regularly represents clients before the Internal Revenue Service in matters relating to public finance transactions.

Examples of the types of public infrastructure financed in connection with Kristin's public finance transactions include stadium and arenas; museums, colleges, universities, healthcare systems and other 501(c)(3) organizations; solid waste disposal facilities; public infrastructure, including for transportation and clean and drinking water facilities; pooled bond financings; affordable housing facilities; and manufacturing facilities. Kristin represents Loma Linda University Medical Center in connection with its recent financings for a seismic rebuild of its main patient tower.

Sports Finance

Kristin also regularly represents lenders, borrowers and other parties in a broad range of sports financing transactions, with an emphasis on the financing of sports properties for franchises in the National Football League, Major League Baseball, the National Basketball Association and Major League Soccer. Kristin has been instrumental in a significant number of high-profile stadium and arena projects. Representative projects include facilities for the San Francisco 49ers, New York Jets, Minnesota Vikings, Dallas Cowboys, Baltimore Ravens and Las Vegas Raiders; the Sacramento Kings and the Brooklyn Nets; the New York Mets, Baltimore Orioles and the St. Louis Cardinals; Philadelphia Union and Orlando City SC; and the University of Louisville. Certain of these transactions involved secondary market refinancing transactions or derivative products.

RELATED SERVICES

- Public Finance
- Corporate
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- International Trade, Regulatory and Government Affairs
- Derivatives
- Insurance and Reinsurance Disputes
- Projects, Energy and Infrastructure

RELATED SECTORS

- Insurance
- Media, Sport and Entertainment
- Real Estate

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

French

Professional

Kristin is an active member of the American Bar Association's Section on Taxation and its Tax-Exempt Financing Committee. She has served as editor in chief of *Federal Taxation of Municipal Bonds*, published by the National Association of Bond Lawyers, and as the chair of the National Association of Bond Lawyers Opinions Committee. She served as the chair of the Bond Attorneys Workshop in 2003 and in 2007 was elected to the board of the National Association of Bond Lawyers serving as its president in 2012. Kristin lectures nationally on arbitrage and other federal tax matters related to tax-exempt bonds.

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

- French

CREDENTIALS

Admissions

- Maryland
- New York

Recognitions

In 2012, 2014 and 2016, Kristin was named one of Maryland's Top 100 Women by *The Daily Record*. She has been named to *The Best Lawyers in America*.

In 2014, Kristin was awarded the Frederick O. Kiel Distinguished Service Award by the National Association of Bond Lawyers.

Education

- M.B.A., Stanford University 1985
- J.D., Stanford Law School 1985
- B.A., The Johns Hopkins University 1981

Memberships

- American College of Bond Counsel
- Tax Exempt Financing Committee, Tax Section of the American Bar Association
- National Association of Bond Lawyers, former President

INSIGHTS

Publications

Non-relocation agreements in stadium financing

10 JAN 2019

Whether you are a team borrowing to construct a new stadium or arena or a lender financing the same, at some point in the negotiation the issue of how to protect the debt against the risk of a team relocation will be raised.

NEWS

New Perimeter conducts fifth training for women lawyers in Nepal

5 December 2019

New Perimeter conducted its fifth training for female lawyers in Nepal.

New Perimeter conducts fourth training for women lawyers in Nepal

3 JAN 2019

New Perimeter conducted its fourth training for female lawyers in Nepal.

MEDIA MENTIONS

Featured, "Baltimore lawyer part of pro bono effort in Nepal," the *Daily Record*, April 19, 2017