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Claire Hall focuses her practice on structured finance and derivatives. Claire represents issuers, underwriters and purchasers across a broad range of domestic and cross-border finance transactions including CLOs and securitizations. Her experience includes traditional and non-traditional assets classes including financings involving trade receivables, PACE, management fees, developer fees and cashflows from multifamily housing assets.

Claire has significant experience representing financial institutions, hedge funds, asset managers, dealers and end users in relation to a variety of derivatives transactions. She advises on regulatory issues affecting derivatives under Dodd-Frank and EMIR. Claire also advises on matters related to the California cap and trade scheme.

Claire is currently a co-chair of DLA Piper's LIBOR Transition Practice and co-head of the Derivatives Group.

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

- English
- German

- Finance
- Derivatives
- Structured Finance and Securitization
- Sustainability and Environmental, Social and Governance

- Financial Services

English German

- Acting as counsel to swap providers and counterparties in relation to credit default swaps, fixed-income derivatives, foreign exchange transactions including non-deliverable forward transactions, repurchase agreements, total return swaps, securities and stock lending, options, interest rate derivatives, currency derivatives and equity derivatives and related products
- Advising on and negotiating documentation in relation to commodity transactions including emissions allowances (EU and US, including in relation to the California cap and trade scheme), power and fuel trading, both in respect of cash and physically settled transactions
- Advising on swap termination and closeout of OTC derivatives, including in the context of bankruptcy and restructuring

- Advising major financial institutions in relation to synthetic CDO transactions
- Advising in relation to project finance and other finance linked swaps
- Advising on custody arrangements and collateral management
- Advising on legal and regulatory matters affecting derivatives transactions and the derivatives market, including with respect to the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and the European Market Infrastructure Regulation (EMIR). Recent representations include advising US and non-US based hedge funds, asset managers, end users, banks and other financial institutions on regulatory and compliance issues associated with the Dodd Frank Act and EMIR; advising on the migration of OTC products to clearing and the negotiation of cleared derivatives agreements and on-boarding documentation; advising on commodity pool operator and commodity trading adviser issues affecting asset managers, securitizations and other investment vehicles; advising on extraterritoriality issues; and the new swap reporting and record keeping rules
- Advising on secured lending transactions with respect to the film industry
- Advising on film finance transactions

CREDENTIALS

Admissions

- California
- England and Wales
- New York

Prior Experience

Claire joined the firm having previously worked at leading law firms in New York, Los Angeles and London.

Recognitions

- 2017 Corporate Intl Magazine Global Award: Hedge Fund Transactions Lawyer of the Year in California.
- Claire has been named a Southern California Super Lawyer Rising Star by the publisher of *Law & Politics* and *Los Angeles* magazines 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018. Additionally, she has been recognized by *The Legal 500 United States*, which indicated "she 'provides a refreshing non-legal perspective' with her 'business-side experience.'"

Education

- College of Law, London 2002
- LL.B. (Hon.), English and German Laws, Liverpool University 2001

Memberships

- American Bar Association – Derivatives and Futures Law Committee
- Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles
- 100 Women in Finance

INSIGHTS

Publications

Assessing ESG factors in the energy sector

27 October 2020

A reference tool for energy companies as they discuss and refine their ESG programs.

Federal Reserve resurrects TALF program in response to COVID-19

6 April 2020

It is widely expected that the terms and requirements of obtaining credit through TALF 2.0 will largely follow those from a predecessor facility made available during the financial crisis.

Will COVID-19 disrupt LIBOR transition planning? (Global)

17 March 2020

The effects of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) on the global economy are causing many to ask whether the timing of the LIBOR transition may also be affected.

- Co-author, "Cross-Border Impact of US Margin Rules," *Thomson Reuters*, December 9, 2016
- Co-author, "Life on the margin: US margin rules finalized at last," *Journal of Investment Compliance*, Vol. 17, No. 2, 2016
- Co-author, "To Report Or Not To Report: Responding To Boycott Requests," *Law360*, September 21, 2015
- Co-author, "Sink Or Swim? The New Reality of Regulatory Risk in the Energy Markets," *Pratt's Energy Law Report*, LexisNexis
- Co-author, "A Practical Examination of the Regulatory Oversight of Energy Marketing & Trading Companies in the United States," *Energy Law Advisor*, Vol. 8, No. 5 – November 2014
- "Hedging Carbon Risks," *California Current*, Volume 12, Number 18, May 9, 2014

Events

- Speaker, "Navigating the LIBOR Transition," DLA Piper webinar, July 8, 2020
- Speaker, "Swap Collateral Documentation and the New Final Margin Regulations for Uncleared Swaps," Strafford Webinar, September 29, 2016
- Panelist, "CFTC Proposed Rule for the Cross Border Application of the Margin Requirements," The Knowledge Group Webcast, January 22, 2016
- Presenter, "Your Firm and the ISDA Resolution Stay Protocol," The Knowledge Group Webcast, June 17, 2015
- Speaker, "Global Derivatives Regulations," ACA Compliance Group Fall 2013 Compliance Conference, October 10, 2013

NEWS

DLA Piper advises Concord in closing of US\$1 billion in debt financing

18 August 2020

DLA Piper represented Concord in a US\$600 million term loan B debt offering and US\$450 million revolving credit facility, providing the company with access to over US\$1 billion of total debt financing in one of the largest music industry financings in recent times.
