Christopher C. Paci

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Chris Paci has substantial experience representing investment banks and US and foreign issuers in a broad range of capital markets transactions. Mr. Paci also has extensive experience in the corporate aspects of financial restructurings, including by acting as counsel to US and non-US companies in chapter 11 reorganizations and related ancillary proceedings. In addition, he has significant experience in merger and acquisition transactions.

These include registered offerings and private placements of equity, equity-linked, high-yield debt and investment-grade debt securities; and exchange offers, tender offers and consent solicitations. Chris also has significant experience in merger and acquisition transactions and debt restructurings.

- Corporate
- Capital Markets

- Financial Services

French Italian
Portuguese Spanish

Chris has worked with companies in many industries, including aerospace/defense, consumer/retail, healthcare/life sciences, manufacturing, mining and natural resources, technology and telecommunications, often in connection with leveraged acquisitions or recapitalizations. The transactions in which he has been engaged have involved issuers in Europe, Latin America and Asia, as well as in the United States and Canada.

Chris regularly advises company clients regarding SEC reporting and disclosure requirements and corporate governance matters.

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

- French
- Italian
- Portuguese
- Spanish

Admissions

- New York

Recognitions

Chris has been recognized in *Latin Lawyer 250 in 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019*.

Chris has also been named a New York Super Lawyer.

- *The Legal 500 United States*
  2021 - Recommended, Capital Markets Equity Offerings – Advice to Managers
  The Legal 500 comments, "The immensely experienced New York partner Christopher Paci leads a team, which is spread across multiple US offices."
  2015-2020 - Recommended, Capital Markets Equity Offerings – Advice to Managers
  2016-19 - Recommended, Capital Markets Debt Offerings – Advice to Issuers
- *The Legal 500 Latin America*
  2022 - Recommended, Latin America: International Firms Capital Markets
  The Legal 500 comments, "...New York partner Christopher Paci brings extensive US Securities expertise..."
  2022 - Recommended, Latin America: International Firms Banking and Finance
  The Legal 500 comments, "...New York's Christopher Paci has a key role in financings that have a capital markets component."
  2018-19, 2021 - Recommended, Latin America: International Firms Capital Markets

Education

- J.D., Stanford Law School 1989
- Fulbright Fellow, Universities of Rome and Perugia 1986
- B.A., Yale University 1982
  magna cum laude

Memberships

- Association of the Bar of the City of New York; Past Member, Financial Reporting Committee
- American Bar Association

Civic and Charitable

- Lawyers Alliance of New York, Board of Directors (February 2017 – to date)
- Read Ahead Inc., Board of Directors (March 2017 – to date)
- Stanford Law School Board of Visitors (2005 – 2008; 2010 – 2012)
- Harlem School of the Arts, past Board Chair (2008 – April 2010)

INSIGHTS

Chris speaks regularly on securities law topics at the Practising Law Institute, Knowledge Congress and other venues.

Events

- Moderator, "Deriving Maximum Value From Your Board," LatAm Tech Forum 2017, Coral Gables, May 2017
- Moderator, "Corporate Governance in Choppy Times," LatAm Tech Forum 2016, Miami, April 2016
- Panelist, "Going Public: What Are the Trade-offs," LatAm Tech Forum 2015, Miami, May 2015

NEWS

DLA Piper advises Edenor, the largest electricity distribution company in Argentina, on its successful debt exchange offer

24 May 2022

DLA Piper has advised Empresa Distribuidora y Comercializadora Norte S.A. (Edenor), the largest electricity distribution company in Argentina, on the successful exchange offer for Edenor’s 9.75% senior notes due 2022.

DLA Piper advises Seaspan Corporation in US$201.25 million 3.75% exchangeable senior notes offering

4 January 2021
DLA Piper represented Seaspan Corporation, a leading independent owner and operator of containerships, in its offering of US$201.25 million principal amount of 3.75% exchangeable senior notes due 2025 closed on December 21, 2020.
