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Christine Soares is an experienced energy attorney with deep knowledge of utility rate-making, regulatory processes and complex energy transactions. She is known for guiding clients through sophisticated commercial agreements with utilities to keep large, capital-intensive projects moving forward.

Christine maintains a national energy practice focused on complex transactions across the power, water and gas sectors. She represents energy companies and large industrial and mega-load users in transactions with investor-owned utilities, municipalities and cooperatives, including structuring and negotiating electric service, water supply, offtake, interconnection and power purchase agreements.

She also regularly advises on renewable natural gas and landfill biogas projects, negotiating project agreements, conducting transactional due diligence, and advising on the structuring and sale of related environmental attributes, such as renewable energy credits (RECs) and carbon offsets.

In addition to her transactional practice, Christine represents clients before state public utility commissions in matters involving energy procurement, interconnection, base rate case and acquisition proceedings, and approvals for special contracts and innovative tariff structures. She has appeared for over a decade before the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities and the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission and has extensive experience navigating regulatory approval processes and advocating for favorable outcomes in proceedings involving tariffs, rulemakings and renewable energy programs. With a background in commercial litigation, she brings a proactive, risk-focused perspective to regulatory strategy and project execution.

Before joining Polsinelli, Christine served as in-house regulatory counsel at the largest publicly owned water and wastewater utility in the United States and as commercial counsel for one of the world's largest pharmaceutical companies. Her experience also includes more than 12 years practicing commercial litigation, energy and regulatory law at two AM Law 100 firms.

Capabilities

- Energy
- Energy Transactions
- Public Utilities & Energy Consumers
- Data Center & Infrastructure

Education

- Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law (J.D., 2006)
- LaSalle University (B.A., 1995)

Bar Admissions

- Pennsylvania
- New Jersey

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit
- U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania