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### **About Jeris**

Jeris Brunette focuses her practice on commercial lending and project finance in a variety of industries with an emphasis on the renewable energy sector. She advises, structures and negotiates a range of secured and unsecured financial transactions, including structuring and negotiating senior and subordinated debt financings, acquisition and project financings, structured financings, securitizations and physical and financial commodity hedges. Jeris' clients include financial institutions, private equity funds and other energy-sector borrowers.

Notably, Jeris represented Crédit Agricole Corporate and Investment Bank as collateral agent to the revolving debtor-in-possession lenders in the \$2.81 billion prepackaged Chapter 11 restructuring transaction for McDermott International, Inc. (NYSE:MDR) approved January 23, 2020 and as lead arranger, revolving agent and collateral agent in the \$1.7 billion superpriority rescue financing for MDR closed October 21, 2019.

She has been recognized by *The Legal 500 United States* for Commercial Lending (2018-2019, 2023) and Project Finance (2018-2019). Jeris has also been named to list of Rising Stars by *IFLR1000 Financial & Corporate and M&A Guide* in Banking (2016-2023), *Law360* Banking Rising Star (2021), as well as the New York Super Lawyers Rising Stars list for Securities & Corporate Finance (2017-2019).

### **Recent Notable Matters**

**Competitive Power Ventures** — project financing of the Canton Mountain, Saddleback Ridge, Spruce Mountain and Beaver Ridge wind projects in Maine with KeyBank N.A. as administrative agent

**APA Corporation** — \$1.8 billion revolving credit facility and £1.5 billion letter of credit facility, as borrower, with Apache Corporation as guarantor and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as administrative agent

**Crédit Agricole Corporate and Investment Bank** — as agent to the lenders in the \$2.44 billion letter of credit facility and approximately \$544 million in funded debt for McDermott International in the successfully completed emergence from bankruptcy

**Crédit Agricole Corporate and Investment Bank** — \$2.8 billion financing facility in prepackaged Chapter 11 restructuring transaction for McDermott International, as agent to revolving debtor-in-possession (DIP) lenders

**Crédit Agricole** — \$1.7 billion new financing for McDermott International which includes immediate access to \$650 million of financing comprised of \$550 million under a term loan credit facility and \$100 million under a letter of credit facility, as lead arranger and revolving administrative agent

**AP Energy Holdings Inc and South Field Energy LLC** — \$1.3 billion project financing and equity arrangements for the construction of the South Field Energy project, a 1,182 megawatt combined-cycle natural gas electric generating facility located near Wellsville, Ohio

**Credit Agricole Corporate & Investment Bank** — as lead arranger, in the \$4.65 billion financing of McDermott International, Inc.'s all-stock combination with Chicago Bridge & Iron Company N.V., consisting of a \$2.26 billion senior secured term loan facility, a \$1.0 billion senior secured revolving credit facility and a \$1.39 billion senior secured letter of credit facility

**U.S. subsidiary of a major Chinese chemical company** — project financing of the construction of a greenfield methanol plant in Louisiana

**Crédit Agricole** — secured \$400 million first-out letter of credit facility and \$300 million second-out term loan B for McDermott International, Inc. secured primarily by offshore drilling vessels, as lead arranger

**Targa Resources Partners LP** — \$1.6 billion secured revolving credit facility, which included provisions for collateral and covenant fall-away upon achieving investment grade rating

**Targa Resources Partners LP** — \$300 million accounts receivable securitization facility

**Capital Dynamics** — long-term project asset secured hedge enabling the project financing of the first phase of its 300 MW Green Pastures wind project in North Texas

**Wind developer** — two long-term project asset secured hedges enabling the project financing of two wind farms with an aggregate generation capacity of 400 MW

**Société Générale** — \$2.9 billion secured commodity borrowing base revolving credit facility for Mercuria Energy Trading, as lead arranger

**Ferrellgas Partners, L.P.** — \$600 million revolving credit facility

**Ferrellgas Partners, L.P.** — \$160 million accounts receivable securitization with Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

**Cloud Peak Energy Resources LLC** — \$75 million accounts receivable securitization facility

**Multinational investment bank and financial services company** — \$3.5 billion unsecured revolving credit facility to Williams Partners L.P. in connection with its merger with Access Midstream Partners L.P.

**Multinational investment bank and financial services company** — \$1.5 billion unsecured revolving credit facility to The Williams Companies, Inc.

**Crédit Agricole** — \$2.8 billion financing facility in prepackaged Chapter 11 restructuring transaction for McDermott International, as agent to revolving debtor-in-possession (DIP) lenders

**Venoco, Inc.** — financing of its going private transaction, including its \$500 million reserve-based revolving credit facility and \$215 million second lien term loan and its holding company's \$60 million notes offering and \$255 million PIK-toggle high yield notes offering

**Apache Corporation** — \$5 billion bridge loan to finance the acquisition of oil and gas assets from BP

**Wind developer** — long-term project asset secured hedge enabling the project financing of a wind farm with an aggregate generation capacity of approximately 200 MW

**Macquarie Bank Limited** — \$30 million project financing of roof-top solar installations for Just Energy Group Inc.'s subsidiary, Hudson Solar

**Independent oil and natural gas exploration and production company** — receivables securitization program

**Phillips 66** — \$1.2 billion receivables securitization facility arranged by the Royal Bank of Canada in connection with the spin off from ConocoPhillips

**El Paso Natural Gas Company, Colorado Interstate Gas Company, Southern Natural Gas Company, and Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company** — \$140 million of wholesale accounts receivables programs with BNP Paribas under new accounting rules

## Education

New York University School of Law, J.D.  
2008

New York University, College of Arts and Sciences, Bachelor of Arts  
2005 – *summa cum laude*

## **Noteworthy**

*The Legal 500 United States*, Commercial Lending: Advice to Borrowers, 2018-2019, 2023; Commercial Lending: Advice to Lenders, 2018-2019, 2023; Project Finance: Advice to Lender, 2018-2019; Project Finance: Advice to Sponsor, 2018-2019

Delinian Limited, *IFLR1000 Financial & Corporate and M&A Guide*, Notable Practitioner: Banking, 2023; Rising Star: Banking, 2016 - 2023; Finance, 2016

Portfolio Media, Inc., *Law360*, Banking Rising Star, 2021

Lawdragon Inc., *Lawdragon 500 Leading US Energy Lawyers*, Energy Finance, 2024

Thomson Reuters, *New York Metro Super Lawyers*, Rising Stars, 2017 - 2018

## **Bar Admissions**

New York  
Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales

## **Languages**

Russian  
Spanish