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Christine is an Associate in Wiggin and Dana's Litigation Department and a member of the firm's International Trade Compliance, National Security, and White Collar Practice Groups.

Christine's practice includes conducting internal investigations, developing and enhancing compliance programs, and defending white-collar investigations and prosecutions, both federal and state. She has experience counseling clients on ITAR, EAR, OFAC, and FCPA regulations. Christine also represents clients during mergers and acquisitions, including performing pre-acquisition due diligence and advising on CFIUS matters. Prior to joining the firm, Christine was an associate at both national and international law firms and at one of the Big 4 professional service firms where her practice focused predominantly on international trade and national security matters.

Christine was a core member of the team defending a Turkish bank that was alleged to have laundered \$20 billion on behalf of the government of Iran. She also represented a medical company accused of global FCPA violations in its internal investigation and negotiations with the DOJ and SEC, ultimately receiving a favorable settlement. While in private practice, Christine was seconded to a foreign defense contractor to develop its trade compliance program during an internal investigation and disclosure to DDTC.

Christine is a Certified Public Accountant – Certified in Financial Forensics, a Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialist, and a Certified Fraud Examiner. Leveraging her forensic accounting background, Christine brings an in-depth understanding of the financial issues encountered in sanctions, money laundering, bribery and corruption, and fraud matters to her representation of clients.

Christine earned her J.D. from George Mason University School of Law. She received her M.S. and B.S. in Accounting from The Pennsylvania State University.

Education

- George Mason University School of Law (J.D.)
- The Pennsylvania State University (M.S., B.S.)

Bar Admissions

- District of Columbia
- Virginia
- Colorado
- Arizona
- New York

Memberships and Affiliations

- Women's White Collar Defense Association

Publications

July 18, 2024

Russia Diversion Risk: New BIS Best Practice for Screening Parties and New Requirement to Screen Addresses in Hong Kong

May 8, 2024

Update: AUKUS Milestone: Export License Requirements for Australia and the UK Significantly Eased through US Department of Commerce Interim Final Rule, and US State Department Issues Proposed New ITAR Exemption

April 30, 2024

AUKUS Milestone: US Department of Commerce Dramatically Reduces EAR Export License Requirements for Australia and the UK

October 4, 2021

FCPA For Turkish Companies

October 28, 2020

Blurred Lines: The Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, Bribes and Facilitation Payments
Corporate Counsel