

Christopher D. Christian

Christopher D. Christian, a member of the firm's Policy Committee and Deputy Chair for Strategic Growth, advises U.S. and European asset managers and investment funds and their boards of directors, including funds organized under the European Union directive on Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities (UCITS) and funds organized in other jurisdictions offered on a private basis.

Mr. Christian's practice has a significant international component. He advises offshore funds on compliance with U.S. regulatory requirements and routinely counsels European retail and institutional funds on organization, registration, corporate governance, and global distribution issues. He has assisted clients in coordinating offering advisory services and various types of investment funds in compliance with local law in jurisdictions in Europe, Asia, the Middle East, and Latin and South America.

Mr. Christian is also the architect of Dechert's [World Compass](#), an innovative marketing compliance subscription service that offers investment firms advice in more than 100 jurisdictions.

Mr. Christian has been recognized as a leading lawyer for investment funds by *Chambers USA*. In the most recent edition, a client stated: "He's extremely commercial, knowledgeable and has great understanding of the client's business and is very responsive." Previous editions noted that "Chris is very knowledgeable and explains things clearly and concisely." "We trust Chris's judgment and business know-how immensely." "He understands the whole picture very well. He has an encyclopedic knowledge of regulation" and highlighted his "impressive understanding of cross-border regulation and a deep knowledge of industry practices and regulatory expectations," also noting that "he is particularly well known for handling matters related to foreign-domiciled funds and UCITS." He is also recognized in *Chambers Global* as a Foreign Expert in Ireland. In past editions, clients stated that he is an "excellent attorney and an invaluable resource to us in building our UCITS franchise." "He is an innovator and has produced an amazing platform to help clients with product distribution and UCITS worldwide. A unique, worldwide expert who has developed amazing tools and has a lot of practical knowledge of how the markets work." He has also been recognized in *The Legal 500 (U.S.)* and *IFLR1000* in the area of investment funds.

Mr. Christian is the former Chair of the International Bar Association's Investment Funds Committee and was recently selected as Chair of the Irish Funds North America Distribution Working Group. He has spent considerable time working in Dechert's London office and is a frequent conference speaker.

Education

- Brandeis University, B.A., 1995
- The Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law, J.D., 1998, *cum laude*
- Georgetown University Law Center, LL.M., Securities and Financial Regulation, 1999

Admission

- District of Columbia & Massachusetts

Ross Stoeterau

Ross Stoeterau is Managing Director and Associate General Counsel – International with Nuveen, a multi-boutique investment manager with over \$1.2 trillion under management. Ross oversees a team with responsibility for legal and regulatory issues related to Nuveen's product development, sales and distribution, corporate governance and regulatory affairs outside the United States. Prior to joining Nuveen in 2011, he was legal counsel for AllianceBernstein, a global asset manager, in their New York and Singapore offices, and an associate attorney with the law firm of Clifford Chance in New York, Singapore and Hong Kong. Ross holds degrees from DePaul University (BA), the University of Chicago (MA) and Northwestern University (JD), and is admitted to the Bar in both New York and Illinois

Admission

- New York and Illinois

Sara Pak

Sara Pak is Managing Legal Counsel at T. Rowe Price and focuses on global ESG corporate regulatory matters. Prior to T. Rowe Price, she was Legal Counsel at Matthews Asia and Nuveen Investments advising on various US and non-US funds and investment products. She began her legal career in asset management with Fried Frank Harris Shriver and Jacobson. She earned her JD from Northwestern University School of Law and her BA from University of California, Berkeley.

Admission

- New York and California

Robert Hill (Student Panelist)

Robert Hill is a third-year law student at The Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law specializing in securities law and currently serves as the President of the Securities Law Student Association. His experience includes internships at the Investment Company Institute (ICI), the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association (SIFMA), the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC), and Stradley Ronon Stevens & Young, LLP. Outside the classroom, Robert is the Executive Editor of the *Catholic University Law Review*, a competing member on Moot Court, and plays on the university's ice hockey team. His article, *Preempting Paradigms: NSMIA, ESG Investing, and the Search for Market Integration*, analyzes *SIFMA v. Ashcroft* and is being published in this year's volume of the *Law Review*.