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About Vivian

Vivian Prieto represents commodity merchants, banks, investors, and private companies in a variety of financing transactions, mergers and acquisitions, capital markets transactions and structured transactions involving renewable energy and other energy commodities.

Prior to joining Bracewell, Vivian was an associate at a national law firm in New York.

Recent Notable Matters

Vertex Energy, Inc. — structuring and negotiation of an intermediation arrangement from Macquarie with respect to Vertex Energy's 91,000-barrel-per-day conventional oil refinery in Mobile, Alabama, including term loan acquisition financing for the assets and related conversion in part to produce renewable fuels from a syndicate of lenders led by Blackrock and Highbridge

Vertex Refining Alabama LLC — structuring and negotiation of an intermediation working capital facility with respect to its renewable diesel plant, including financing of feedstocks (including soybean oil, tallow and used cooking oil) in Mobile, Alabama with Macquarie*

Global commodities merchant — structuring and negotiation of a working capital intermediation arrangement for a 3,500 barrel per day biorefinery located on the west coast of the United States, including financing of feedstocks (including animal fats and tallows), renewable fuels, related environmental attributes and tax credits

Agent/lead lender — borrowing base of \$300 million dollars to a steel trading company, which included assets in Canada and Mexico

Castleton Commodities International LLC — \$1.7 billion borrowing base credit facility, consisting of \$100 million 3-year tranche; \$1.25 billion 2-year tranche; \$350 million 364-day tranche and \$1 billion accordion*

Global commodities merchant — \$2.63 billion revolving credit facility, consisting of \$1.7 billion 3-year tranche; \$920 million 1-year uncommitted tranche and \$600 million accordion*

Start-up green hydrogen technology company — corporate structuring, IP negotiations and finance negotiations*

Investment firm — numerous acquisitions of various portfolio companies*

Salka LLC — acquisitions, project finance and project development of various California wind farms*

* Work completed prior to Bracewell

Publications and Speeches

“The Inflation Reduction Act of 2022: Summary of Energy and Climate Provisions,” LexisNexis, *Pratt’s Energy Law Report*, Vol. 22, No. 9, October 2022.

“Legal Assistance for Environmental Disaster Recovery: Filing Claims with the Office of the NYC Comptroller,” New York City Bar Association CLE, March 15, 2022.

“FEMA Appeals,” NYC Mayor’s Public Engagement Unit, November 18, 2021.

Education

New York University School of Law, J.D.
2020

Northwestern University, B.A.
2016

Bar Admissions

New York