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Jeris Brunette focuses her practice on commercial lending and project finance in a variety of industries with an emphasis on the 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.

Jeris has been described by clients and industry experts as "one of the strongest finance lawyers that I have had the pleasure to work with" and "an amazing attorney who is practical but also possesses both strong business and legal acumen." (*Chambers USA*, 2025).

Notably, Jeris led Bracewell's representation of Crédit Agricole Corporate and Investment Bank on the refinancing of approximately \$2.6 billion of letter of credit and term loan facilities. The transaction, which closed on March 25, 2024, was named the "Restructuring Deal of the Year" at the IFLR Europe Awards 2025 and also won the American Bankruptcy Institute's "International Matter of the Year Award." She previously represented Crédit Agricole Corporate and Investment Bank as 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. The transaction was honored as "Restructuring Deal of the Year" at the IFLR Americas Awards 2021.

She is recognized by leading industry ranking publications, including *Chambers USA* for New York Banking & Finance (2025) and by *The Legal 500 United*

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*States* for Commercial Lending (2018-2019, 2023-2025) and Project Finance (2018-2019, 2024-2025). Jeris has also been named to the list of Highly Regarded Individuals (2024), Notable Practitioners (2023) and Rising Stars (2016-2022) by *IFLR1000 Financial & Corporate and M&A Guide* in Banking. She was named a *Law360* Banking Rising Star (2021) and a New York Super Lawyers Rising Star for Securities & Corporate Finance (2017-2019).

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## Experience

### 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

- refinancing of approximately \$2.6 billion of letter of credit and term loan facilities in favor of McDermott International, Ltd, including \$320 million dropdown financing of CB&I STS Delaware LLC. The refinancing was implemented through a cross-border restructuring process which compromised approximately \$1 billion of unsecured litigation claims. This represents only the second time a dual-track UK RP/Dutch WHOA has been used as a restructuring strategy. Notable accolades for this work include winner of the IFLR Europe Awards 2025 Restructuring Deal of the Year and the American Bankruptcy Institute's International Matter of the Year Award.
- 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
- \$2.8 billion financing facility in prepackaged Chapter 11 restructuring transaction for McDermott International, as agent to revolving debtor-in-possession (DIP) lenders
- \$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
- 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

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

## **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

## **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
- \$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
- long-term project asset secured hedge enabling the project financing of a wind farm with an aggregate generation capacity of approximately 200 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
- \$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.
- \$1.5 billion unsecured revolving credit facility to The Williams Companies, Inc.

## **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

## **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

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## **Credentials**

### **Education**

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

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- New York University, College of Arts and Sciences, B.A., 2005, *summa cum laude*

## Bar Admissions

- New York
- Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales

## Languages

- Russian
- Spanish

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## Recognition

### ***Chambers USA***

- New York Banking & Finance, 2025

### ***The Legal 500 United States***

- Commercial Lending: Advice to Borrowers, 2018 – 2019, 2023 – 2025
- Commercial Lending: Advice to Lenders, 2018 – 2019, 2023 – 2025
- Project Finance: Advice to Lender, 2018 – 2019, 2024 – 2025
- Project Finance: Advice to Sponsor, 2018 – 2019, 2024 – 2025

### **Delinian Limited**

- *IFLR1000 Financial & Corporate and M&A Guide*, Highly Regarded: Banking, 2024
- Notable Practitioner: Banking, 2023
- Rising Star: Banking, 2016 – 2022
- Finance, 2016

### **Portfolio Media, Inc.**

- *Law360*, Banking Rising Star, 2021

### **Lawdragon Inc.**

- *Lawdragon 500 Leading US Energy Lawyers*, Energy Finance, 2024 – 2025

### **Thomson Reuters**

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