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Briana Hopes is an associate in the Real Estate, Energy, Land Use & Environmental Practice Group in the firm's Houston office.

Areas of Practice

Briana represents financial institutions, municipal utilities and commodities and energy companies in structured energy transactions and related energy trading agreements, project and infrastructure development and finance, and other corporate transactions.

Honors

Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch, *Best Lawyers*, 2026

Experience

- Represented J. Aron & Company LLC (a subsidiary of The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.) in its role as commodity supplier, receivables purchaser and investment contract provider in prepaid commodities transactions financed with approximately:
 - \$865 million in municipal bonds issued by San Joaquin Valley Clean Energy Authority in February 2025;
 - \$984 million in municipal bonds issued by Central Valley Energy Authority in January 2025;
 - \$980 million in municipal bonds issued by Southeast Energy Authority, a Cooperative District in January 2025;
 - \$1.29 billion in municipal bonds issued by California Community Choice Financing Authority in December 2024;
 - \$775 million in municipal bonds issued by California Community Choice Financing Authority in November 2024;
 - \$619 million in municipal bonds issued by Southeast Energy Authority, a Cooperative District in November 2024;
 - \$844 million in municipal bonds issued by The Black Belt Energy Gas District in October 2024;
 - \$700 million in municipal bonds issued by issued by Southeast Energy Authority, a Cooperative District in October 2024;
 - \$959 million in municipal bonds issued by California Community Choice Financing Authority in October 2024;

- \$1.52 billion in municipal bonds issued by California Community Choice Financing Authority in August 2024;
- \$638 million in municipal bonds issued by The Black Belt Energy Gas District in August 2024;
- \$592 million in municipal bonds issued by Southern California Public Power Authority in May 2024;
- \$689 million in municipal bonds issued by Northern California Energy Authority in April 2024;
- \$467 million in municipal bonds issued by The Black Belt Energy Gas District in March 2024;
- \$653 million in municipal bonds issued by Public Energy Authority of Kentucky in February 2024;
- \$755 million in municipal bonds issued by The Southeast Alabama Gas Supply District in January 2024;
- \$1 billion in municipal bonds issued by California Community Choice Financing Authority in December 2023;
- \$466 million in municipal bonds issued by The Black Belt Energy Gas District in November 2023;
- \$647 million in municipal bonds issued by California Community Choice Financing Authority in October 2023;
- \$599 million in municipal bonds issued by Patriots Energy Group Financing Agency in September 2023;
- \$634 million in municipal bonds issued by Central Plains Energy Project in September 2023;
- \$673 million in municipal bonds issued by The Black Belt Energy Gas District in September 2023;
- \$958 million in municipal bonds issued by California Community Choice Financing Authority in June 2023;
- \$385 million in municipal bonds issued by The Black Belt Energy Gas District in May 2023;
- \$674 million in municipal bonds issued by Southeast Energy Authority, a Cooperative District in March 2023;
- \$998 million in municipal bonds issued by California Community Choice Financing Authority in February 2023;
- \$787 million in municipal bonds issued by The Tennessee Energy Acquisition Corporation in February 2023;
- \$459 million in municipal bonds issued by California Community Choice Financing Authority in January 2023;
- \$557 million in municipal bonds issued by Tennergy Corporation, An Energy Acquisition Corporation in December 2022;
- \$382 million in municipal bonds issued by The Black Belt Energy Gas District in October 2022;
- \$626 million in municipal bonds issued by Central Plains Energy Project in July 2022;
- \$548 million in municipal bonds issued by The Black Belt Energy Gas District in July 2022;
- \$641 million in municipal bonds issued by Southeast Energy Authority, a Cooperative District in June 2022;
- \$523 million in municipal bonds issued by The Black Belt Energy Gas District in March 2022; and
- \$492 million in municipal bonds issued by The Black Belt Energy Gas District in February 2022.

Articles

- "You Can Always Spot a Fake: The Eleventh Circuit Holds Mall Landlords Contributorily Liable for Having Constructive Knowledge of Their Tenants Selling Counterfeit Products," *Tulane Journal of Technology and*

Intellectual Property, 2020, reprinted in the 2021 edition of *Intellectual Property Law Review*, an anthology published annually by Thomson Reuters (West).

Memberships

Member, Houston Young Lawyers Association

Member, Houston Bar Association

Practices

Energy, Infrastructure and Project Finance

Commercial Lending and Financial Transactions

Corporate

Derivatives and Structured Products

Real Estate, Energy, Land Use & Environmental

Education

J.D., Tulane University Law School, 2021, *Senior Managing Editor, Tulane Journal of Technology and Intellectual Property*

B.A., Louisiana State University, 2014

Admissions

Texas