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Christopher M. Gill is a partner in Christian & Barton's Commercial Real Estate, Environmental Law and Municipal Governance practice areas. A substantial portion of his practice consists of the representation of business, industry, developers, landowners, local governments and government agencies involving matters related to property transactions, property rights, land use and a variety of environmental matters. In addition, he holds the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design® Accredited Professional (LEED® AP) designation.

Mr. Gill serves as the firm's finance partner.

Representative Commercial Real Estate Matters

- Representation of an East Coast land development company in the acquisition, financing, development and sale of numerous commercial properties and the negotiation of leases with various national credit tenants.
- Representation of a Virginia-based company in the acquisition, financing, construction and leasing of a new headquarters building.
- Representation of landowners throughout Virginia in negotiations of solar leases, option agreements and easements with various solar energy providers and users, for projects ranging from 150 acres to several thousand acres.
- Representation of a race track operator in various real estate matters including property acquisitions, sales, leases, financing and development projects.
- Representation of a solid waste management company in multiple transactions for the acquisition of parcels of land adjacent to its landfill operations and various land use matters pertaining to the expansion of the company's operations.
- Various title, zoning, subdivision, lease and other due diligence matters related to real estate owned by a company being acquired by a publicly-traded energy client and continued representation of client in land acquisition, leasing and land use matters.
- Representation of a real estate fund in contract and property rights negotiations and land use matters.
- Representation of a supplier of engineered materials, natural resources and technology-based services in the sale of various tracts of timberland throughout Virginia.

- Representation of various banks and lenders in connection with new real estate and commercial loans, modification of existing loans, foreclosure, deed in lieu of foreclosure and related proceedings.
- Representation of a cable company in easement negotiations and property rights disputes.
- Representation of a health care corporation in the leasing of a portion of a large regional hospital campus in Ohio.
- Representation of various landowners and developers in the acquisition of properties by partition.
- Representation of a Richmond-based corporation in the acquisition of a commercial condominium.

Representative Environmental Law Matters

- Representation of waste management company in its purchase of the assets of a landfill facility in Virginia and representation of the company in the operation and expansion of such facility.
- Various environmental due diligence matters associated with the acquisition of a bulk chemical and petroleum storage and transportation company by a publicly-traded energy client and continued representation of client in environmental permitting and compliance matters.
- Representation of a Virginia municipality in a dredging project to restore a downtown harbor.
- Representation of a Virginia municipality regarding various water supply issues and permitting matters with the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality.
- Defense of companies in enforcement actions brought by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality.
- Defense of enforcement action brought by the Environmental Protection Agency.

Representative Legislative Advocacy Matters

- Drafting of legislation, participation in negotiations with other industries, and lobbying General Assembly members on behalf of clients in a variety of industries.
- Monitoring legislation, identifying potential bills of concern, offering amendments to address client concerns.

EDUCATION

University of Richmond School of Law, J.D., 2004

Cum Laude

Articles Editor, University of Richmond Law Review

University of Virginia, B.A., 2000

ADMISSIONS

Virginia

CLERKSHIP

- Hon. Edward W. Hanson Jr., and the Hon. A. Bonwill Shockley, Judges, Circuit Court of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia

RECOGNITIONS

- ***The Best Lawyers in America***[®]

Real Estate Law, 2016-2024

- **Virginia Super Lawyers**

Real Estate, 2015-2023

- **Legal Elite (*Virginia Business*)**

Real Estate/Land Use, 2013, 2015-2023

- **Virginia Rising Stars**

Real Estate, 2009-2014

- **Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design**[®] Accredited Professional (LEED AP)

2009

PUBLICATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

- Co-author with Michael R. Packer and Michael W. Smith, Local Government Attorneys of Virginia Handbook, Ch. 28: Blight Remediation (LGA, Inc. 2006-2014)

- Co-author with Brian R. Marron, Annual Survey of Real Estate Law, 38 U. Rich. L. Rev. 223 (2003)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- **Virginia Bar Association**

Young Lawyers Division Executive Committee, 2009-2015

Legal Food Frenzy, Co-chair, 2007-2015

Real Estate and Environmental Law Sections, Member

- **The Bar Association of the City of Richmond**

Real Estate and Environmental Law Sections

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Mr. Gill is a founding co-chair of the Legal Food Frenzy, a program of the Virginia Bar Association, Young Lawyers Division, in partnership with the Attorney General's office, to encourage law firms to challenge each other to collect the most food donations for food banks around the state. He also has participated in the Pro Bono Housing Law Program, providing assistance to low-income residential tenants in need of legal advice with regard to landlord disputes.

- **Children's Museum of Richmond**

Junior Board, 2015-2018

- **Greater Richmond Chamber of Commerce**

Government and Community Affairs Committee, 2009-present