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Associate

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Overview

Margaret counsels clients on all types of business transactions, with focus on commercial lending and mergers and acquisitions. She has experience with general corporate governance, debt and equity finance, corporate M&A, as well as contract drafting, negotiation, and interpretation. She has counseled both lenders and borrowers on the financing, construction, and delivery of greenfield and brownfield projects across the energy and infrastructure sectors throughout Europe, Africa, the Middle East, and Asia.

Prior to joining Mirick, Margaret was an Associate Legal Counsel at CityFibre in London, and previously worked as an associate in Allen & Overy LLP's London office.

Experience

- Advised the lenders (including IFC, AfDB, EDC, and ING) on the USD750,000,000 financing of EmiratesGlobal Aluminum's development of a bauxite mine in Guinea, together with supporting rail and port infrastructure
- Advised the lenders on the USD75,000,000 refinancing of reserve-based facilities in favor of Westport Oil Limited and the Guarantors in Nigeria
- Advised the sponsors, AIIM, Craftskills, and IFC InfraVentures, on the USD200,000,000 development and construction of the 100MW Kipeto wind power project in Kenya

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Education

LL.M., Northeastern University
School of Law, Boston

MA, BPP Law School, London,
UK

LL.B., Queen Mary, University of
London, London, UK

MA, The School of Oriental and
African Studies, University of
London, London, UK

BA Sociology, cum laude,
Spelman College, Atlanta,
Georgia

Bar Admissions

Massachusetts

England and Wales

Related Services

Business Law

Financing

Mergers and Acquisitions

Related Industries

Banking & Finance

- Advising the sponsors in connection with the development and financing of a hydroelectric project in Cameroon including associated transmission and interconnection infrastructure for the evacuation of power into Nigeria
- Advising Blackstone on regulatory issues relating to its acquisition of a majority stake in Luminor
- Advising the Saudi Arabian Monetary Authority on their investment in funds, placing of their money with investment managers and development of policy papers
- Advising the General Organization for Social Insurance, a Saudi Arabian government agency concerned with social insurance for the country, on their investment management arrangements with its fund managers
- Advising major financial institutions including the Bank of New York Mellon, Commonwealth Bank of Australia, and NatWest Bank on their Brexit contingency planning
- Advising HSBC on its application to join the FCA's and PRA's ringfencing scheme including regulatory applications and prudential regulatory capital advice relating to the separation of its retail business from its investment business

Manufacturing

Technology

Transportation

Affiliations

Worcester County Bar Association

Boston Bar Association

Massachusetts Bar Association

Abby Kelley Foster Charter Public School, Board Member

Boston Chapter of the National Alumnae Association of Spelman College,
Executive Board Member (Parliamentarian)

Articles & Speaking Engagements

- "Legal Foundations for Entrepreneurs: Key Considerations to Protect Your Business," 3rd Annual New England African Business Expo, (May



3, 2025)

- [“Non-Profits Facing Bankruptcy: Going Broke Can Cost A Lot,”](#) Mirick Client Alert, January 21, 2025