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Patrick Chistiansen is a partner in the Corporate Practice Group. His practice focuses on working with public and private companies, financial institutions, and private equity funds in the middle market on mergers and acquisitions, financings, and other transactional matters. He has experience helping banks and financial service providers with loan transactions, regulatory compliance, workouts and restructurings, and class and complex action defense.

Published Work and Lectures

- Lecturer at various seminars and author of various articles for publication in various Bar Journals
- Co-draftsman of the 1972 UCC Amendments to the Florida Uniform Commercial Code.

Affiliations

- The Florida Bar, Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section, Past Chairman, 1986-1987; Land Trust Committee, Past Chairman, 1983-1986; Corporate and Business Law Section, UCC Committee, Past Vice Chairman, 1982-1988; Legislation Committee, Past Member; Long-Range Planning Committee, Past Member
- American Bar Association, Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section, Corporate Section, and Litigation Section, Member
- American College of Real Estate Lawyers, 1989-Present
- Saint James Cathedral Foundation, Trustee, 1991-Present
- Orlando Museum of Art, Past Trustee, 1993; Past Vice President 1994-1995; Government Relations Committee, Past Chairman, 1994-1996; Past President 1995-1997; Past Chairman 1998-2000; Secretary 2000-Present
- University of Central Florida Foundation, Past Trustee, 2000-2009
- Valencia Community College, Ad Hoc Fundraising Committee, 1991-1993

Areas of Experience

Corporate
Corporate Finance and Lending
Florida Land Use and Entitlements
Land Use and Development
Real Estate Acquisitions and Sales
Real Estate Financing
Residential Land Acquisitions and Development
Commercial Leasing and Development
Transportation Regulation and Policy
Financial Services
Lease Restructuring and Workouts

Education

J.D., Harvard Law School, 1972
B.S.E.E., University of Notre Dame, 1969, summa cum laude

Admissions

Bars

Florida

Courts

U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida
U.S. Supreme Court
U.S. Tax Court

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- The Greater Orlando Chamber of Commerce, Past Director, 1995-2002; Executive Committee, Past Member, 1996-2002; Past Vice Chairman, Transportation 1996-1999; Past Vice Chairman, Public Policy/Governmental Relations 2000-2002
- BusinessForce, Chamber Political Action Committee, Founding Trustee; Executive Committee, Past Member, 1998-2000; Florida Cabinet Selection Committee, Past Member, 1998; Past Chairman 2001-2004 (now Chairman Emeritus); Trustee 2001-Present
- United Arts of Central Florida, Inc., Past Board Member 1998-2005; Standards and Allocations Committee 1995-1997; Government Relations Committee, Past Chairman 1998-2001
- Transportation Roundtable, Past Chairman 1996-1999
- UCF Repertory Theater (f/k/a UCF Civic Theater), Trustee 2000-Present; Past Vice-Chairman 2000-2001; Past Chairman 2001-2004
- University of Central Florida, Founding Trustee 2001-2010; Past Chairman, Advancement Committee of Board, 2001-2007; Chairman, Governance Committee of Board, 2007-2010; Chairman, Facilities Committee of Board, 2007-2010
- Florida A&M Law School Orlando Project, Past Co-chair 2000-2003; FAMU Law School Advisory Council, Member, 2008-Present
- Orange County Arts & Cultural Affairs Task Force (E.g Massey Commission - appointee of Chairman Mel Martinez), 2000-2001
- Orange County Arts & Cultural Affairs Advisory Committee, 2000-2006; Past Chairman, 2005-2006
- University of Central Florida, Business Law, Past Lecturer
- Mennello Museum of American Art, Trustee, 2000-Present

Honors and Distinctions

- *Best Lawyers,* 2014, Named as “Lawyer of the Year” for Banking and Finance Law in Orlando
- *Best Lawyers,* 1995-2017, 2019-2025, Listed in Florida for Banking and Finance Law