



CHRISTINE HESSE

LEAD PRINCIPAL, FEDERAL GOVERNMENT RELATIONS AND POLICY

Christine has 30 years of experience in policy and advocacy work at the local, state and federal levels. She has spent 20 years in Washington, D.C. helping Fortune 500 companies, trade associations, and other business interests navigate the legislative and regulatory processes. Her proven abilities to develop and implement strategies on Capitol Hill and downtown enable her to help clients achieve desired results.

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Christine heads the government relations practice in the D.C. office where she manages a wide portfolio of client issues from financial services and telecommunications to defense and aviation to education and retirement issues as well as others. Christine is able to utilize her extensive knowledge of Washington D.C. and federal government to help guide companies with the Ohio congressional delegation and other important members beyond Ohio.

Christine's comprehensive understanding of the financial services industry overall, along with her strong working relationships with key policymakers, both on and off the committees of jurisdiction and with members of the House and Senate leadership, enables her to provide valuable strategic counsel.

Christine also has working relationships inside federal agencies such as the Treasury Department, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Federal Reserve, Securities and Exchange Commission, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Federal Housing Finance Authority and offices inside the White House. Christine has worked on countless efforts around small and large legislative and regulatory initiatives, such as the Economic Growth, Regulatory Relief, and Consumer Protection Act, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017, the Dodd-Frank Act of 2010, and Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 to name a few.

She has expertise in building coalitions that includes local and state grassroots and grass tops, as well as hiring and managing local and state political counsel. Christine's vast relationships on the Hill and downtown enable her to quickly assess clients' needs and provide insightful strategic advice.

Prior to joining CSS, Christine worked for nearly two decades in the Public Law and Policy Group inside the Washington, D.C. offices of Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld providing specialized advice and counsel for firm clients, most specifically for private sector interests in the financial services sector.

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Clients included banks, thrifts, hedge funds and private equity firms, securities firms, credit card, digital currency and insurance companies, mortgage lenders, private mortgage insurers, a major credit rating agency and other financial services-related institutions.

Christine spent 10 years heavily involved in GSE reform on behalf of a large coalition and has deep subject matter expertise on issues ranging from underwriting and credit scoring to loan limits and guarantee fees, to private mortgage insurance and other credit risk transfer mechanisms, to name a few.

Christine served as legislative counsel on the U.S. Senate Committee on Banking, Housing & Urban Affairs under former Chairman and U.S. Senator Alfonse D'Amato (R-NY) and Senator Lauch Faircloth (R-NC) where she staffed the Senate Banking's Housing Subcommittee. During her time on the Committee, Christine was at the center of a number of legislative issues including HUD programs, RESPA-TILA reforms, FHA and GSE loan limits, private mortgage insurance cancellation, and manufactured housing, as well as Freddie Mac's attempt to change its charter to allow for self-insurance to supplant the requirement that GSEs use traditional forms of credit enhancements for high loan-to-value ratio loans.

Involved in political work, Christine has volunteered on numerous campaigns, including Presidential, U.S. Senate and U.S. House races. A native of Chagrin Falls, Ohio, she has worked as a lobbyist in Ohio, as well as worked in the Ohio Senate, Ohio Attorney General's office and Connecticut General Assembly.

EDUCATION

J.D., Capital University Law School, 1993

B.A., Miami University **Christine Hesse does not practice law.**

PRACTICE AREAS

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