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Education

J.D., Emory University School of Law, 2013 (high honors; Order of the Coif; Managing Editor, *Emory Law Journal*)

M.B.A., Emory University, 2013

M.A. Georgetown University, School of Foreign Service, 2005

B.S., Georgetown University, School of Foreign Service, 2005
(*magna cum laude*)

Bar Admissions

District of Columbia
New York

Publications

"Long-Term Contracting the Way to Renewable Energy Investment: Lessons From Brazil Applied to the US," 62 *EMORY L.J.* 1563, 2013

Languages

Spanish (fluent)
Portuguese (working knowledge)

Leah Chacón focuses her practice on structuring, developing, financing, selling and acquiring energy and infrastructure projects. Ms. Chacón was named one of *Law360's* 2021 Rising Stars, which recognizes top "attorneys under 40 whose legal accomplishments transcend their age." Her representative matters include:

- Sonnedix in:
 - a joint venture with Cox Energy América regarding the \$120 million project financing provided by Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation for its 160 MWp Meseta de los Andes solar photovoltaic (PV) plant located in the Valparaíso region of Chile
 - its \$99 million nonrecourse debt project financing of its 150 MW Atacama solar PV plant in Chile
- Pattern Energy Group in connection with:
 - the debt and tax equity financing of the \$11 billion SunZia 550-mile transmission line and related renewable generation projects, as well as the acquisition of the SunZia project from Southwestern Power Group
 - the debt and tax equity financing of its 105 MW Phoenix Solar project in Fannin County, Texas
 - a \$205 million credit facility for the development of its 122 MW Conejo solar plant in the Atacama Desert in Chile
 - its \$242 million acquisition of the 201 MW Post Rock Wind facility in Kansas and the 150 MW Lost Creek Wind facility in Missouri from Wind Capital Group
- Brookfield Asset Management in connection with acquisition financing for the Los Ramones pipeline system in Mexico
- InterGen in the sale of its Mexico assets and businesses, including six combined cycle gas turbine projects comprising 2,200 MW and a 155 MW wind farm, to Actis Group for \$1.3 billion (enterprise value)
- SunEdison, Inc. in the:
 - financing of the first solar projects to be project financed in Honduras and the subsequent sale of the solar plants to Globaleq Mesoamerica Energy S.A.
 - financing of several projects in Chile, including the Javiera project, which was named Latin American Solar Deal of the Year by *IJGlobal*, and the Maria Elena merchant solar power plant in the Antofagasta region of northern Chile
 - restructuring and sale of its Australian assets and its global residential solar business to Flextronics International Ltd.
- the credit support provider to affiliates of Invenergy LLC in connection with the development of a portfolio of gas-fired merchant power plants for PJM New England and ISO New England
- First Solar in connection with the 141 MW Luz del Norte solar power plant in the Atacama Desert in Chile
- TerraForm Power, Inc. in connection with a \$500 million secured term loan, the proceeds of which were used to finance the acquisition of certain renewable energy projects in the U.S. from Invenergy Wind LLC, and certain drop-down assets from SunEdison, Inc.

Previously, Ms. Chacón served on the research staff of the Arizona Senate and as executive consultant of government affairs for the Arizona Corporation Commission, where she served as liaison between the commission and the Arizona Legislature with respect to all aspects of the commission's duties, including regulation of electric utilities.