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Areas of Practice

Rail Transportation
 Surface Transportation
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Education

The University of Texas,
 LLB, *summa cum laude*,
 1960, Order of the Coif,
 Chancellors, Articles Editor,
Texas Law Review

University of Texas, B.A.,
summa cum laude, 1957, Phi
 Beta Kappa

Bar & Court Admissions

District of Columbia

Betty Jo Christian

Betty Jo Christian is a partner with the Washington office of Steptoe & Johnson LLP, where she is a member of the Regulatory & Industry Affairs Department. Prior to joining the firm, Mrs. Christian served as a Commissioner of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Transportation Law

Mrs. Christian's major focus is transportation law. She represents railroads, motor carriers, shippers and other parties in a wide variety of regulatory and court proceedings. Recent cases have involved railroad mergers and acquisitions, financial restructuring, federal preemption issues and federal constitutional issues.

Mrs. Christian also advises transportation companies concerning regulatory aspects of a wide variety of transactions, such as tender offers, rail line sales and equipment financing. She regularly counsels clients with respect to Surface Transportation Board and Department of Transportation matters.

Appellate Litigation

Mrs. Christian practices extensively before the US Courts of Appeals throughout the country, state appellate courts and the US Supreme Court. Recent cases that she has argued before the Supreme Court involved issues such as the constitutionality of state "flow control" laws and the constitutionality of state venue requirements as applied to out-of-state corporations. She regularly counsels clients with respect to appellate litigation strategy and practice.

Noteworthy

- Ranked in *Chambers USA 2009, 2010, and 2011: America's Leading Business Lawyers*; Transportation: Rail, for Railroads (Nationwide)
- Listed in Washington, DC *Super Lawyers*, 2007-2012
- Listed in Washington, DC *Super Lawyers - Top 50 Women 2011*
- Listed in *Best Lawyers of America 2007-2012* for Transportation Law
- Commissioner, Interstate Commerce Commission, 1976-1979
- Associate General Counsel for Litigation, Interstate Commerce Commission, 1971-1976
- Transportation Woman of the Year Award, 1972 Outstanding Younger Federal Lawyer Award, 1964

Professional Affiliations

President, Association for Transportation Law, Logistics and Policy, 1995-1996

Betty Jo Christian

American Bar Association - Section of Administrative Law (Past Chairman -
Transportation Committee) - Section of Public Utility Law (Past Chairman -
Railroad Committee)

Transportation Research Forum

American Law Institute

American Academy of Appellate Lawyers

Administrative Conference of the United States, 1977-1995