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Maria Julianna Auzenne is the managing partner of Auzenne & Associates, LLC (referred to herein as “Auzenne & Associates, LLC” or the “Firm”). She is an attorney with thirty-seven (37) years of public finance/transactional experience. The Firm represents governmental, corporate, tax, commercial banking, investment banking, and institutional clients. Areas of interest include administrative law (land acquisition, restoration, and natural resource use), public finance, corporate finance, securities law, and municipal law and regulations. The Firm’s in-depth multidisciplinary practice of law enables it to assist clients (public and private) to properly develop the financial structures for projects in federal energy policy, environmental restoration, land management and natural resource issues. The Firm has been listed in The Bond Buyer’s Municipal Marketplace Red Book since 1995. Auzenne & Associates is a consulting team member with CSS Energy Solutions to assist in business development, finance structuring and legal compliance issues regarding matters in the energy sector of Louisiana.

Ms. Auzenne received her Juris Doctor degree from the Cornell Law School, Ithaca, New York specializing in International Legal Affairs and Business Law and Regulation. She was a member of the International Law Society, Academic Integrity Board, the Cornell Journal of Business Law, and the African American Law Student Association. She was the President/Co-founder of the Latin American Student Association. Ms. Auzenne graduated from Duke University having received an A.B. as a double major in Comparative Area Studies focusing on International Relations and Latin American Affairs and Political Science.

Ms. Auzenne is licensed to practice in Louisiana, New York, California, and Washington D.C. Furthermore, she is admitted to practice before all federal district courts in the State of Louisiana and the State of California, the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, and the U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. She is a member of the National Association of Bond Lawyers and served on the Municipal Law Committee of the National Association of Bond Lawyers. Moreover, she is a frequent panelist and keynote speaker discussing legal opinions concerning municipal law and regulations.

After a stellar career with the New York law firm Patterson, Belknap, Webb & Tyler LLP, Ms. Auzenne returned to her hometown, New Orleans, Louisiana. In Louisiana she first joined the firm Kutak Rock located in Baton Rouge, but later established her own firm, Auzenne & Associates. Since returning to Louisiana there is copious a list of positions, she has held in addition to the Firm’s responsibilities including the appointment by the Governor of Louisiana as first Chairperson of the Louisiana Commission on Human Rights, which was established by Louisiana Legislature to oversee enforcement within Louisiana, policies of Civil Rights Act of 1964, 1968, 1972, the Age Discrimination Act of 1967 and the Americans with Disabilities Act. She is a former member of the Board of Directors of the Louisiana Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and a former member of the New Orleans Chapter of the Organization of Chinese American Women (a national organization where she served as Secretary). As a senior advisor to CSS Energy Solutions, Maria uses her comprehensive academic training and professional experiences to increase continued economic growth for the State of Louisiana.

Outside of work Maria enjoys traveling, hiking, music, art, and dance while spending time with her family and friends.