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Virginia's energy division, which Christopher oversees, is tasked to "enhance the development and conservation of energy and mineral resources in a safe and environmentally sound manner to support a more productive economy." He previously served as executive director of Virginia Clean Cities, a nonprofit coalition supported and funded by stakeholder members and the federal and state departments of energy. Christopher was a second-generation fuel distributor from 1989 until 2007, and a newspaper editor and reporter for 14 years, working in Hampton, Va., Tampa, Fla., and Washington, D.C.