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## Banks

Our firm provides a full array of legal services to both national and state-chartered banks and their holding companies and subsidiaries. We assist our bank clients in complying with increasingly complex federal and state laws and regulations, including the compliance regulations imposed by banking regulators and the regulations generally applicable to all companies.

We advise our bank clients on issues related to expanding their businesses through mergers, acquisitions, and formation of holding companies, as well as assisting with branch sales and purchases and interstate branch formations. Our attorneys also counsel clients on offering additional financial services through the acquisition of insurance agencies and through contractual relationships with third parties selling insurance and securities.

Our services to publicly held banking clients include assistance with Securities and Exchange Commission filing requirements, such as annual, quarterly, and periodic reports and Section 16 filings, as well as compliance with securities laws and regulations in connection with securities issuances, purchases, and transfers. We also assist clients with public offerings and private placements of equity and debt securities. Our experience with banking and securities laws has enabled us to advise numerous clients with the various programs arising from the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008.

In addition, our banking practice extends to assistance with loan documentation and restructuring and trust department matters. When loan and trust issues lead to litigation, our attorneys advocate our clients' positions in court.

We also assist our clients on commercial transactions other than loans, and have negotiated and prepared leases, data processing agreements, disaster recovery contracts, and bank security contracts. In addition, we advise clients in the negotiation, drafting, and amendment of employment agreements and the drafting, amendment, and administration of benefit plans.