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## FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS LITIGATION

Our firm's extensive experience in representing national and state chartered banks and other financial institutions – in transactions, in regulatory matters, in litigation, and in many other circumstances – gives our litigators unique insight into the issues facing banks and financial institutions. Our trial lawyers are knowledgeable about matters such as the visitorial powers and preemption doctrines that are raised in lawsuits against national banks and the complex regulatory schemes that apply to financial institutions. In such cases, they work closely with attorneys in other practice areas to ensure that the firm's collective knowledge of the unique issues facing banks and financial institutions is brought to bear for our clients.

Our trial lawyers represent banks and financial institutions in disputes spanning a broad spectrum of issues, including cases brought under the Uniform Commercial Code, under various state and federal consumer protection statutes, and under many other statutes and regulations. We represent lenders in actions brought by and against borrowers in state, federal, and bankruptcy courts throughout the country. Our attorneys regularly litigate cases arising from complex transactions, as well as consumer and commercial matters involving claims of negligence, breach of fiduciary duty, conversion, fraud, predatory lending, and lender liability. We also represent financial institutions in class actions, multi-district litigation, and other complex, multi-party matters that arise from consumer complaints and commercial disputes.

Banks and financial institutions also face the full panoply of claims that may be brought against other, non-banking entities. Our lawyers have represented banks in employment discrimination disputes, in cases alleging securities fraud or other securities claims, and in actions brought under the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act, among other matters.