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MEMBER FIRMS
AlvaradoSmith’s Financial Institution practice group has substantial experience in representing institutional creditors in all aspects of creditors’ rights litigation, including bankruptcy litigation, receivership proceedings, judicial and non-judicial foreclosures, claim and delivery actions, attachment applications, the prosecution of borrower fraud, the defense of borrower class actions, the defense of lender liability claims, and mortgage banking litigation. The Firm’s practice encompasses both commercial and real estate matters.

Our attorneys have previously represented numerous Fortune 500 financial institutions in addition to the FDIC and Resolution Trust Corporation (RTC) in various matters ranging from the sale of loans, commercial real estate, and other distressed assets, loan modifications/workouts, suits to enforce notes and guarantees and foreclosure of commercial and residential mortgages and other security interests, including defending claims of lender liability and fraud and fidelity bond claims. The Firm’s attorneys have also represented lenders in class actions involving issues, including, but not limited to, allegations of collection of improper late fees and failure to pay accrued interest on escrow accounts.

We represent corporate directors and officers in a wide variety of situations including, professional liability matters, directors and officers liability claims, professional malpractice, and have handled cases that involved claims for breach of fiduciary duty against them.

**Representative Matters:**

- Representation of one of the largest banking institutions in the U.S. in defense of criminal actions against officers and the President and C.E.O. Claims included patterns in practice of neglect and failing to comply with City of Los Angeles ordinances in connection with foreclosure procedures.

- Representation on behalf of various financial institutions as to relating to lender liability, including but not limited to claims arising from the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act (“RESPA”), Truth in Lending Act (“TILA”), Home Ownership and Equity Protection Act (“HOEPA”), Fair Housing Act, Equal Credit Opportunity Act, Fair Credit Reporting Act (“FCRA”), and Home Mortgage Disclosure Act, and California Homeowner’s Bill of Rights, and title issues.

- Representation of a foreclosure trustee in a California class action alleging illegal kickbacks for referral of trustee work.

- Helping a major international banking client succeed at both trial and appeal in a lawsuit that ultimately allowed a bad faith waste “exception” to California’s anti-deficiency statutes, establishing new case law that was widely praised and embraced by the California banking community. See Nippon Credit Bank, Ltd. v. 1333 North California Boulevard et al. (2001) 86 Cal.App.4th 486.

- Representation of the FDIC as receiver against certain professional service firms for professional negligence after the failure of American Diversified Savings Bank.

- Representation on behalf of various financial institutions and limited liability partners in connection to fraud and breach of fiduciary duty claims.

- Negotiated favorable settlement for the RTC after bringing motion for summary adjudication on plaintiff’s ERISA claims, eliminating a portion of the claimed benefits.
Financial Services Litigation

With over 70 attorneys in 10 major business markets, Culhane Meadows is the largest national full-service women-owned law firm in the country and our lawyers were all trained at AmLaw 200® law firms, global corporations and/or senior levels of government. Our attorneys have an average of more than 20 years of legal experience and our cloud-based practice model eliminates costly office space as we leverage technology to keep our overhead – and fees to clients – well below those charged by comparable firms. Simply put, we proudly deliver our clients the best experience, service and value of any national firm.

Our partners’ financial services litigation practice includes matters relating to Bankruptcy, Restructuring & Creditors’ Rights; Consumer Finance; Marketing & Advertising of Consumer Financial Products, Director and Officer Liability; Financial Institutions Internal Investigations & Compliance; Insurance; Mortgage and Service Litigation (including Loan Workout), and Securities Regulatory Investigations and Enforcement Proceedings.

Through our interdisciplinary approach, Culhane Meadows partners
➢ Bring a creative and strategic approach to each matter, driven by our clients’ business objectives;
➢ Perform early and reliable case assessments that inform our strategy;
➢ Select tools that facilitate achieving our clients’ goals efficiently and cost-effectively; and
➢ Distill and present even the most complicated information in a concise and compelling manner.

Our partners adapt quickly to changing dynamics, both inside and outside the courtroom. Collaborating with our partners with relevant subject matter expertise allows us to pursue each aspect of litigation effectively. Our collective litigation and dispute resolution experience covers a wide array of matters, including –

- Administrative Law
- Appellate Practice
- Arbitration
- Bank Regulatory / FDIC
- Bankruptcy & Restructuring
- Commercial Litigation
- Constitutional Law
- Consumer Services Defense
- Creditors’ Rights
- Employment
- Ethics
- Financial Institution Litigation
- Franchising
- Governmental / Public Entity
- Health & Healthcare Law
- Insurance
- Intellectual Property
- International Trade
- Outsourcing
- Patents
- Professional Liability
- Real Estate / Construction
- Reputational and Privacy Claims
- Securities / FINRA
- Technology
- Trademarks
- Unfair Competition / Trade Secrets
d’Arcambal Ousley & Cuyler Burk, LLP (“DO&CB”) specializes in commercial and financial services litigation of all types throughout New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

Here’s what we do…

- We represent servicing companies and banks in contested foreclosure actions and to quiet title.
- We prepare and litigate title insurance claims, fidelity bond claims and home mortgage indemnity claims.
- We represent life insurers in connection with variable life and annuity product litigation.
- We represent banks to recover unpaid claims pursuant to mortgage indemnity insurance.
- We represent companies with respect to commercial contract and real estate litigation.
- Our attorneys have experience with government investigations, bank receivership recovery actions and regulatory inquiries.

Michelle J. d’Arcambal (Partner)
Ms. d’Arcambal manages DO&CB’s mortgage fraud affirmative actions, contested foreclosures, fidelity bond claims and other matters representing financial institutions. Ms. d’Arcambal was previously a partner at Ross & Hardies, now known as McGuire Woods LLP, where she represented a national bank in all aspects of its lending transactions and in matters before the OCC. She began her career at Brown & Wood, now known as Sidley & Austin.

Kimberly A. O’Toole (Partner)
Ms. O’Toole defends companies in matters against allegations of bad faith and has sought recoveries on behalf of companies in agent debt cases. She defends contested foreclosure and lien priority actions. Ms. O’Toole also manages e-discovery in response to third party subpoenas with respect to securities class action matters. In addition, Ms. O’Toole manages litigation for the State of New York’s Housing Trust Fund Corporation to recover government funds paid to ineligible applicants who fraudulently applied for benefits. Ms. O’Toole previously practiced law with Shearman & Sterling, representing financial institutions in complex civil litigations.

Edward V. Collins (Of Counsel)
Mr. Collins has acted as general counsel to a small bank, where he represented it in a variety of matters, including contested and uncontested foreclosures. He has represented clients in the purchase, sale, leasing, financing and development of commercial, industrial and residential properties as well as representing both borrowers and lending institutions relating to multi-million-dollar real estate projects involving commercial, industrial and residential properties.

Grace Pyun (Senior Associate)
Ms. Pyun has significant investigative and litigation experience working in the Federal Government. Prior to joining the firm, she prosecuted white-collar cases as a Trial Attorney in the Department of Justice Antitrust Division, where she successfully investigated and litigated price-fixing and contract bid-rigging conspiracies. She began her legal career in the financial services sector at the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), where she worked on a variety of regulatory and enforcement actions stemming from the 2008 Financial Crisis, including recovery of D&O professional liability claims and mortgage and accounting fraud.
DL’s Alternative Investments, Litigation and Regulatory Practice Groups comprise the firm’s cornerstone offering to the financial services industry. We advise clients in the formation and operation compliance of banking, brokerage, insurance and financial market principal and intermediary businesses. DL also advises managers of investment vehicles, including hedge funds, funds of funds, commodity pools, and venture capital, private equity and real estate funds.

In addition to organizing and providing ongoing representation to hundreds of investment funds and managers, the firm also advises US and international brokers, dealers, electronic market platforms, and banks. We provide a full range of legal services to our financial industry clients, comprising advice on legal structuring and other formation issues (including master-feeder, side-by-side and umbrella fund structures), securities, commodities and derivatives regulation, business term alternatives, marketing arrangements, ISDA and other trading documentation, exchange listing, and international tax planning.

DL serves both buy and sell side clients in structuring and documentation of derivatives transactions, including OTC forex, swaps, futures, options, portfolio leverage facilities, collars, repurchase agreements and participation agreements. We represent dealers and end users in credit default swaps on portfolio and single name exposures, as well as total return swaps on equity securities, hedge funds, loans, asset-backed securities and other assets. We advise companies in hedging currency, commodity, credit and interest rate risk through swaps and other derivatives transactions. In the course of our representation we negotiate ISDA and other industry standard agreements for a broad array of market participants in a wide variety of settings, including private and public offerings of rated securities.

We regularly counsel clients on a multitude of regulatory requirements, including compliance policies and procedures; sales practices, suitability and “know your customer;” supervisory responsibilities and compliance procedures; short sales and stock lending; trading, order handling and trade reporting; insider trading prevention and information barriers; research, advertising and sales literature; online trading; net capital; soft dollars; books and records retention; credit transactions (Regulations T, U and X and SRO margin Rules), including portfolio margining; clearing and prime broker relationships; and CFTC registration requirements and counterpart-analogous requirements under state securities laws. In addition, we conduct audits and internal investigations to assist clients in assessing the adequacy of their regulatory controls.

DL also has significant experience and a record of success in resolving a variety of business, securities and commercial disputes, particularly with respect to complex investment transactions. Our attorneys practice in Federal and State trial and appellate courts and before various regulatory agencies, including FINRA, SEC, NFA and CFTC. Our attorneys also arbitrate before the American Arbitration Association’s Commercial and International Dispute Resolution forums.

The Firm’s contact person is Vivian Rivera-Drohan, 680 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10019, tel: (212) 710-0004, email: vdrohan@dlkny.com.
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Banking and International Practice

The firm represents multiple banks and other clients in various litigation and consulting roles.

First National Bank: Collect deficiency judgments in large commercial deficiencies after foreclosures involving international borrowers and collateral commercial loan workouts, including forbearance and renewal agreements; negotiate loan workout for interim construction loans and assist bank in analyzing and modifying bank procedures to improve construction loans process.

BBVA Compass Bank: Represent bank regarding trust issues, including Ch. 142 trusts.

Texas Regional Bank: Negotiate and close international loans; assist bank in terminating lines of credit for good cause; negotiate terms and draft contracts for independent contractor for collateral inspection; assist in trust management and litigation.

JP Morgan Chase: Represent bank in trust management issues, including termination and modification of trusts.

International litigation: Experienced in choice of law issues, international and foreign law issues involving banking, tort, collection, probate and other matters.

Complex Civil Litigation

The Firm’s lawyers have been recognized as leaders in the field of complex civil litigation, including commercial litigation and products liability cases. We have earned our reputation representing corporate and individual clients which have resulted in outstanding trial results for our clients. Corporate clients also turn to us to guide them through difficult legal obstacles. Our litigation experience covers a broad range including banking litigation, insurance bad faith, breach of contract actions, franchise litigation, construction litigation, real estate litigation and personal injury litigation.

Mediation Practice

Additionally, Joe Escobedo is a Certified Mediator, having received his mediator’s certification from the Center for Public Policy Dispute Resolution at the University of Texas School of Law. With his experience in trying complex civil cases on both sides of the docket, he understands what it takes to settle serious cases.

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- Electronic Fund Transfer Act
- Check fraud and forgery
- Articles III and IV of the Uniform Commercial Code
- Wrongful dishonor
- Privacy, disclosure, and security issues
- Alteration of instruments
- Expedited Funds Availability Act and Regulation CC
- Breach of the obligations of the depository
- Duties of the collecting or payor bank

Consumer Finance Litigation
- Truth in Lending Act
- Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act
- Equal Credit Opportunity Act
- Contested foreclosures
- Predatory lending

Credit and Collection Practices Litigation
- Fair Credit Reporting Act
- Fair Debt Collection Practices Act
- Fair and Accurate Credit Transaction Act
- Other state and federal statutes
- Class actions on alleged statutory violations

Broker-Dealer Litigation (FINRA)
- Fraud
- Unauthorized trading
- Unsuitability
- Negligence
- Breach of fiduciary duty
- Churning
- Failure to supervise

Trust and Probate Litigation
- Will contest cases
- Concealment of assets matters
- Claims for breach of fiduciary duty
- Trustee removal actions
- Declaratory judgment actions
- Guardianship issues

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We are at the forefront of all challenges and issues facing our clients and are focused on providing value driven solutions to meet those challenges. We are dedicated to cost-effective and efficient delivery of services compliant with regulatory requirements and client demands, and we are committed to creating effective alternative fee arrangements with clients based on the project involved, which we strongly believe to be mutually beneficial to our firm and our clients.

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AREAS OF PRACTICE:

• **Default Litigation:** JB&A offer our clients cradle-to-the-grave service, including initiating the foreclosure suit, curing title issues, entry of the foreclosure judgment, scheduling of and bidding at sheriff’s sale, recording the deed or certificate, evicting and gaining possession of the premises, if necessary, and handling the REO closing. We protect the interests of clients holding junior mortgages by filing answers, judgment affidavits, and petitions for surplus. Additionally, we handle all aspects of contested litigation associated with residential and commercial mortgage foreclosures, appeals, and defending our clients in suits for TILA, fraud, tort actions and other claims.

• **Bankruptcy:** The Bankruptcy Department files proofs of claim, motions for relief from automatic stay, motions to dismiss, attends Rule 341 meetings of creditors, handles contested cram-down litigation and complex Chapter 11, 12, and 13, presentation, defends preferential transfer actions, and defends and pursues adversary claims.

• **REO Closings:** The REO Department negotiates terms with the buyer, clear exceptions from title, comply with all municipal requirements, including water bills, zoning and inspection issues, prepare full closing documentation, attend the closing, review closed loan packages and ensure that proceeds are promptly received by the lender or investor.

• **Commercial Litigation:** The Commercial Litigation Department represents lenders and creditors in a wide range of commercial transactions and litigation in state, federal, and bankruptcy courts at both trial and appellate levels. We represent businesses in matters involving obtaining, protecting and enforcing security interests, defending against fraud and other tort actions, and prosecuting and defending contract disputes. We have extensive experience representing landlords and court-appointed receivers in foreclosure, litigation, eviction, loan workout, collection and bankruptcy matters.
KHF offers counseling and representation in a broad range of complex commercial and business-related civil litigation matters.

Kang Haggerty & Fetbroyt LLC is a boutique law firm with offices in Center City, Philadelphia and Marlton, New Jersey. Founded in 2013 by Edward T. Kang, Daniel D. Haggerty and Jacklyn Fetbroyt, the long-time colleagues sought to create a law firm that provided effective and value-driven legal services. The firm has attorneys licensed to practice law in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and New York.

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KHF has an extensive financial services litigation practice. Our clients include private equity firms, public and private banks, and other financial institutions. KHF’s financial services litigation practice includes securities litigation, regulatory investigations, and enforcement proceedings, lender liability, loan workout and related creditors’ rights actions and litigation (including foreclosure, judgment execution, fraudulent transfer litigation, asserting rights under Article 9, including Article 9 auction sales and litigation) bankruptcy, loan restructuring and redocumentation, as well as intercreditor disputes, participation agreement disputes and restructuring, real property title and lien disputes, title insurance litigation, REO property management and sales, and related state and federal regulatory and statutory compliance.

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- Commercial Litigation | Business Torts
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- Trade Secret Claims and Restrictive Covenants
- Securities Litigation | SEC Compliance
- Real Estate | Financing

Representative Matters

Representation of a financial services corporation that does business with companies in more than 20 countries on multiple litigation matters in PA, NJ and NY involving breach of contract, defamation, tortious interference, and unjust enrichment.

Representation of a number of banking and financial institutions in commercial loan workouts; contentious, insolvency and regulatory matters; and litigation.

Representation of a group of private equity firms and prosecution of their claims against an intercreditor for violating its duties arising under the intercreditor relationship.
ABOUT THE FIRM: Lafayette & Kumagai LLP is a boutique litigation firm located in Northern California. Established in 1994, the firm has a reputation for excellence with a proven track record of successfully representing its clients in all aspects of litigation. We take pride in the recognition we receive from our clients and the legal community for our litigation and trial skills. We have extensive experience in both state and federal courts throughout California and have a distinguished record for motion practice, jury trials and appeals. Clients trust our handling of high-profile cases with media exposure.

Lafayette & Kumagai received the Minority-Owned Law Firm Client Service Award, presented by the California Minority Counsel Program for outstanding client service. The firm was named by clients as an Honor Roll firm in Complex Commercial Litigation and Complex Employment Litigation in BTI Litigation Outlook 2019: Changes, Trends and Opportunities for Law Firms. The firm has been listed in “Litigation Kings” and in “Who Represents America’s Biggest Companies?” in Corporate Counsel magazine’s annual report on the law firms most used by the Fortune 100.

FINANCIAL SERVICES LITIGATION PRACTICE: Lafayette & Kumagai LLP has extensive experience defending financial services providers in general business litigation matters including Bank of America, Macy’s, Inc., Prudential, Wells Fargo Bank and Comerica Bank. The firm has substantial experience handling consumer credit litigation and currently handles Fair Credit Reporting Act (“FCRA”), Federal Debt Collections Practices Act (“FDCPA”) and Telephonic Collection Practices Act (“TCPA”) on behalf of a major retailer.

Lafayette & Kumagai is well-known for its strong trial practice. The firm’s attorneys have extensive experience preparing cases for trial from the commencement of litigation, but often are brought in midstream to try cases on behalf of clients such as CBS, Viacom, McKesson Corporation, the Regents of the University of California and Shell Oil Company. Sought out for their trial expertise, the firm’s lawyers are retained to try cases that fall outside their bailiwicks, ranging from securities cases to a consumer class action in which Plaintiff’s demand exceeded $78 million.

AREAS OF PRACTICE: Consumer Credit Litigation; Business Litigation; Commercial Litigation; Class Actions; Toxic Tort; Product Liability; Labor & Employment; Trial Practice; Appellate Practice

REPRESENTATIVE CLIENTS: AT&T Services, Inc.; Bank of America; The Coca-Cola Company; Comcast Cable; E.I. du Pont de Nemours & Company; GlaxoSmithKline; Home Depot; Johnson & Johnson; Macy’s, Inc.; McKesson Corporation; Microsoft Corporation; Prudential; Shell Oil Company; United Continental Holdings, Inc.; United Parcel Service, Inc.; Viacom, Inc.; Xerox Corporation; Aetna Life Insurance Company; CalPERS; CBS Broadcasting Inc.; DirecTV Group, Inc.; MTV Network; Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company; Pacific Bell Telephone Company; Pacific Gas and Electric Company; Sedgwick Claims Management Services; Sutter Health; Tyco International, Ltd.
Lawrence & Bundy’s **Bankruptcy, Receivership and Fiduciary** practice group has extensive experience advising institutional creditors and parties in interests in consumer and business matters under the United States Bankruptcy Code. Our national practice has included advising on a range of issues including dischargeability, defense of preference and avoidance actions, Fair Debt Collection Practices Act compliance, and ancillary litigation and transactions.

In commercial restructuring matters, we have substantial experience advising lessors, asset purchasers and unsecured creditors’ committees, as well as advising on insolvency-related fraud investigations. We have successfully represented secured creditors in the real estate and automotive industries, alleged avoidance action transferees, trustees and other parties in interest in cases and controversies in insolvency matters, restructurings and workouts.

John Lewis, Jr. leads the firm’s Bankruptcy, Receivership and Fiduciary practice and has over 25 years of experience representing debtors in both consumer and commercial bankruptcy cases. He currently serves as one of fourteen panel Chapter 7 trustees for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Georgia, Atlanta Division. He also previously served for eight years as a panel Chapter 7 trustee for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Missouri (Kansas City), where he administered business and consumer liquidation estates in over 8,000 cases.

As in-house litigation counsel for The Coca-Cola Company, John managed, primarily without the assistance of outside counsel, active customer, vendor and supplier bankruptcy reorganization and liquidation matters, essentially creating a profit center for the Company through strategic participation on unsecured creditors’ committees and developing an aggressive claims management process. These processes and practices improved the Company’s bankruptcy-related recoveries by over $10 million in a five-year period.

During his tenure with Coca-Cola, John developed and presented training modules to credit managers both within the Company (e.g., Coca-Cola Finance Corporation, Minute Maid, etc.), as well as quick service restaurants (e.g., Burger King, Wendy’s, etc.), airlines and various other customer groups of Coca-Cola. The topics addressed, among other things, included managing troubled accounts, asserting reclamation claims, required recordkeeping for defending alleged preferential transfer, and the assumption of agreements under section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code.

John began his legal career as an Honors Attorney with the U.S. Trustee’s Office in Rockville, Maryland, where he managed an active docket of over 200 Chapter 11 cases.

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About León Cosgrove
León Cosgrove is a litigation boutique, drawing its talent from the ranks of top-tier law firms such as Morgan, Lewis & Bockius, Hunton & Williams, Skadden Arps, DLA Piper, Ropes & Gray, Winston & Strawn, Boies Schiller, and other Am Law 100 firms. Many of us are former federal law clerks, and all of us have substantial experience in high-stakes litigation.

León Cosgrove's attorneys have experience in a wide range of commercial litigation matters and have represented Fortune 500 companies, including some of the largest financial institutions in the world. We are experts in various areas of the law, including, but not limited to:

**Bank and Mortgage Litigation** - Our attorneys have experience in lender liability actions, suits by loan participants, actions arising from letters of credit and other forms of commercial paper, commercial and residential foreclosure actions, and loan fraud matters. We have obtained judgments exceeding $400 million on behalf of our clients in disputes involving financial services and products, and defended some of the world’s largest financial institutions in over 200 jurisdictions across the United States.

**Bankruptcy** - We routinely represent financial institutions, vendors, landlords, secured and unsecured creditors, troubled companies, officers and directors, official and ad hoc committees of creditors, purchasers of distressed debt and assets, bankruptcy and liquidation trustees, and state and federal court-appointed receivers. Members of our firm regularly appear in bankruptcy and other courts, representing plaintiffs and defendants in actions involving preferential and fraudulent transfers, financial fraud, Ponzi schemes, breaches of fiduciary duty, creditors' rights, and insolvency related matters.

**Broker Dealer and Investment Litigation and Arbitration** - Our lawyers have handled hundreds of disputes, both customer-initiated and intra-industry, for some of the largest financial institutions in the United States. These cases typically involve allegations regarding suitability, misrepresentation and fraud, unauthorized trading, churning, product failures, failure to supervise, selling away, and variable annuity and mutual fund sales practices.

**Commercial Litigation** - León Cosgrove has been recognized as a leader in commercial litigation, reflecting its lawyers’ significant experience in representing clients in all types of breach of contract, fraud, fraudulent conveyance, tortious interference, unfair competition, RICO, breach of fiduciary duty, negligence, and other commercial actions in state and federal courts throughout the country, as well as in arbitration proceedings.
ABOUT THE FIRM:

Liebler, Gonzalez & Portuondo is an AV® rated full-service minority-owned law firm and has been voted the most diverse law firm in South Florida for the last several years. LGP’s 65 attorneys work in offices throughout Florida and speak 13 languages.

OUR FINANCIAL INSTITUTION GROUP:

The LGP Financial Services Group helps clients of every size, from Fortune 100 companies to smaller financial institutions. We understand that our clients have pressing financial institutional needs that require timely, real world business-oriented advice. As financial institution litigation is one of our primary practice areas, attorneys of Liebler, Gonzalez & Portuondo represent financial institutions such as banks, savings and loans associations, insurers, and loan services. LGP’s Financial Institution Practice Group includes subpractices including commercial workouts and foreclosures, consumer finance defense, bank operations litigation, employment and real estate workplace litigation.

KEY FINANCIAL INSTITUTION PRACTICE AREAS:

- Commercial Workouts And Foreclosures
- Defending Class Action Lawsuits
- Litigating Claims Related To The Fair Debt Collections Practices Act, The Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act, The Truth In Lending Act, And The Fair Credit Reporting Act
- Remedies Under The Uniform Commercial Code
- Deposit Account Litigation
- Consumer Finance Defense
- Employment Litigation
- Workplace Real Estate Litigation
- ADA Defense
- Lender Liability Defense
- Representing Creditors’ Interests In Bankruptcy Court
- Violations Of Federal And State Securities Laws
- Providing Regulatory Compliance Services
Arbitration, Mediation and Litigation

All Federal and State Courts in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut

**Banking Law**
- Lender Liability and Fraud Claims
- UCC Claims
- NACHA and EFT Claims
- OCC Complaints

**Credit & Consumer Finance**
- Truth in Lending Claims
- Fair Debt Collection Practices Act
- Fair Credit Reporting Act
- Telephone Consumer Protection Act
- State Consumer Protection Statutes

**Employment Litigation**
- FLSA and State Wage and Hour Claims
- Title VII, ADA and FMLA Claims

**Trust & Probate Matters**
- Defending Trustees in Fiduciary Duty Actions
- Contested Estate and Guardianship Matters

**Representative Clients**
- Bank of America Corp
- JPMorgan Chase Bank, NA
- KeyBank, NA
- U.S. Bancorp

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**Recent Success Stories**
- Obtained summary judgment, including on claim for legal malpractice, against multiple defendants in complex mortgage fraud case on behalf of national bank
- Obtained favorable pre-litigation resolution of “hybrid” FLSA collective and state class action wage and hour case involving nationwide class with over 2,000 class members
- Obtained defense verdict in favor of bank client in SDNY breach of contract action involving complex foreign currency exchange transactions
- Obtained withdrawal of complaint under FRCP Rule 11 in SDNY by national insurer against bank client involving internet “phishing” fraudulent check scheme
- Obtained summary judgment in favor of bank client in a NYS court breach of contract action seeking reimbursement of lost CD
- As successor counsel, obtained reversal of trial court and dismissal on appeal of breach of contract and lender liability claims relating to financing of condominium project
- Obtained dismissal of all claims in multiple, related fraud and lender liability actions in NJ state court, SDNY and DNJ
- Obtained dismissal of class action lawsuit alleging mortgage company charged excessive interest and fees
- Obtained dismissals of numerous FDCPA, FCPA and TCPA actions
The Orlans Experience & Areas of Practice

Orlans PC is one of the largest women-owned WBENC-certified law firms in America. Since its inception more than twenty years ago, the firm has enjoyed steady growth providing a comprehensive suite of legal services to banks, finance companies, government agencies, utility companies and corporations seeking successful resolution of their most complex legal challenges.

Orlans concentrates its practice in the areas of residential and commercial real estate including loan and bank owned property acquisition, title insurance policies, claims and curative services, mortgage foreclosure, loan workout, bankruptcy as well as portfolio due diligence, complex litigation and regulatory compliance. The firm also provides auto repossession, credit card and other unsecured debt resolution services as well as asset management and contract administration to its clients.

Orlans has defined a new standard of legal efficiency and precision by integrating Lean Six Sigma principles with robust quality assurance and quality control to deliver effective and legally compliant solutions. The firm’s culture of honoring and supporting diversity through coaching, mentoring, legal training and career pathing allows each employee to develop to their full potential while fueling our commitment to continuous innovation and improvement. The firm has earned a reputation with its clients for its ability to carefully prepare and assemble the necessary documents and pleadings to achieve successful outcomes within established budgets and timelines. Our creative billing solutions, including offering flat fees for many services, has made us the partner of choice for our clients.

Who We Represent:

Orlans’ more than 200 clients include many Fortune 500 financial institutions and corporations, auto and credit card finance companies, mortgage loan servicers, investors, State and Federal government agencies and utility companies.

Delivering the Client First Experience:

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Brian Heary Chief Legal Officer
James Clarke Senior Executive Counsel
Julie Moran Senior Executive Counsel

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60% of whom are women

Our attorneys are active in local and national bar associations as well as real estate and mortgage banking associations.

360 LEGAL PROFESSIONALS
72% of whom are women

Our Footprint:

Full service offices providing the full spectrum of legal services in Delaware, Florida, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Virginia and Washington D.C.

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As national counsel and outside counsel, our attorneys have experience handling a variety of diverse legal matters for our clients.

We serve clients nationally with offices in Ohio, New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania.

**We know Financial Services Litigation.**

Perez & Morris attorneys have significant experience representing financial industry clients, as well as individual financial and investment representatives, in a variety of matters before state and federal courts, and in matters before the Financial Industries Regulatory Association (FINRA).

Our broker-dealer litigation experience includes cases involving unauthorized trading, misrepresentation, suitability, churning, breach of fiduciary duty, employment agreements (non-solicitation and other restrictive covenants), and the enforcement of promissory notes and forgivable loan agreements.

**Good people. Doing great legal work. Exceptionally well.**

Perez & Morris’ litigators have experience before a large number of state and federal courts as well as before the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation. Our lawyers are AV Preeminent rated by Martindale-Hubbell and have repeatedly been recognized as Super Lawyers by Super Lawyers Magazine and Top Lawyers by Columbus C.E.O. Magazine. Our lawyers are members of the Defense Research Institute (DRI) and local trial lawyer associations.

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Overview of Services Provided by the Business, Financial Services & Real Estate Division

Quintairos, Prieto, Wood & Boyer, P.A. (QPWB) is a full service law firm with twenty (20) offices strategically located throughout the United States and U.S. Virgin Islands and is the largest minority owned law firm in the country. Our Business, Financial Services & Real Estate Division (the “Division”) was created to focus on the wide range of legal issues impacting those businesses engaged primarily in the financial services and real estate industries. In addition to these areas, the Division provides a broad range of services to its clients in a number of different industries and fields. Typical clients represented by the attorneys within the Division include but are not limited to, the following: Mortgage loan servicers; student loan servicers; auto finance companies; real estate and development companies; mortgage lenders and originators; government sponsored enterprises; bank and non-bank financial institutions; and governmental entities and political subdivisions. Through the Division, QPWB provides legal services in Business and Commercial Litigation; End to End Default Legal Services; Real Estate Transactions; Appellate Practice; National Litigation and Loan Oversight; Residential Mortgage Backed Securities; Regulatory and Compliance; and Title Insurance Services.

The Business, Financial Services & Real Estate Division is managed by attorney Michael J. “Mike” Barker, Esq. who is based in Jacksonville, Florida. Inquiries on the Division’s services and general questions can be directed to Mike anytime via e-mail at mbarker@qpwbblaw.com or you can give him a call at (904) 226-3660.

Practice Areas
- End to End Default Legal Services
- Foreclosures
- Mortgage and Consumer Litigation
- Bankruptcy
- REO Disposition Title Services
- Evictions
- Appellate Practice
- National Litigation and Loan Oversight Services
- Residential Mortgage Backed Securities (RMBS) Transactional and Litigation Services
- Regulatory and Compliance
- Residential and Commercial Real Estate Transactions, Litigation and Development
- Title Insurance and Escrow Services
- Business and Commercial Litigation
Financial Services Practice

Our financial services team advises and defends banks, investment advisors, broker-dealers and other financial institutions in investigations and disputes before state and federal regulators, mediators and arbitrators, and in state and federal courts. Our experienced team has handled:

- **Investigations**, including those initiated by the SEC, DOJ, FINRA, or state regulators, from the initial request for information to any subsequent enforcement or disciplinary proceedings.
- **Broker-Dealer Litigation/FINRA**, including customer and industry disputes involving allegations of fraud, breach of fiduciary duty, failure to supervise, raiding and defamation on Form U5.
- **Consumer Litigation**, including claims based on the Truth in Lending Act (TILA), the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (FDCPA), the Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA) and state law equivalents.
- **Class Action and Derivative Litigation**, including actions pursued against financial institutions and their individual directors and officers for securities fraud and breach of fiduciary duty.

About Reyes Kurson

RK is a Chicago-based boutique law firm. Our attorneys come from sophisticated large law firm practices, have owned and operated businesses, and/or played significant roles in government. This blend of technical expertise and practical savvy allows us to be aggressive, effective advocates for our clients without losing sight of the need to find practical and cost-efficient solutions to the problem at hand. Our diverse backgrounds give us the unique insight necessary to produce tailored, effective results.
Our securities and financial services litigation practice is focused on representing corporate defendants as well as individual officers and directors in class actions and large individual actions. We recently obtained the dismissal of a significant derivative claim and the favorable settlement of a $168 million securities class action brought against a publicly traded bank holding company. We have also successfully defended broker–dealers in FINRA claims and have defended investigations and enforcement actions brought by the SEC. Given our white–collar criminal practice, we are able to develop integrated strategies for some of the most challenging and complex regulatory problems that businesses can face.

Financial Services Practice Areas:

- Securities Class Actions
- Shareholder Derivative Actions
- SEC/DOJ/State Investigations
- Internal Investigations
- Failed Banking Litigation
- Accounting Malpractice

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We measure success by achieving solutions that ensure results and lasting value for our clients.

Financial Services Practice
Rusing Lopez & Lizardi has an exceptionally experienced team of both transactional and litigation attorneys experienced in banking, credit union, and financial institution representation, creditors rights, bankruptcy, collections and restructuring. Our team is currently counsel to financial institutions in a full spectrum of matters including compliance and disclosure, secured and unsecured consumer and business lending, equipment finance, forbearance and work-out agreements, foreclosure and trustee’s sales, litigation to collect on notes and guaranties, defense of regulatory enforcement actions and lender liability claims, and representation in bankruptcy reorganizations and liquidations. Our defense attorneys have substantial experience litigating in both state and federal court and before state and federal administrative agencies as well.

- **FINANCIAL SERVICE INSTITUTIONS**
  - Compliance and Disclosure
  - Secured and unsecured consumer and business lending
  - Forbearance and work-out agreements
  - Defense of RESPA, TILA, FCRA, FDCPA and UDTPA claims
  - Defense of regulatory enforcement actions

- **RECEIVERSHIPS**
- Receiverships
- Collection litigation
- Foreclosure and trustee sales
- Defend lender liability claims

- **BROKER–DEALER LITIGATION**
  - We defend broker/dealers in FINRA arbitrations involving fraud, failure to supervise, unsuitable investments and breach of fiduciary duty.

- **CREDITOR REPRESENTATION IN BANKRUPTCY**
  - We represent secured and unsecured creditors in Chapter 7, 11, and 13 bankruptcy, including:
  - Plan Objections, Valuation Disputes
  - Non-Dischargeability and Adversary-Actions

- **LENDING AND FINANCE**
  - Our lending and finance team has sophisticated financing experience and deep knowledge of major industries. We are recognized professionals in preparing, negotiating and completing complex financial transactions and ensuring that the mechanisms to protect investor rights and exit are secured, monitored, and honored. We are Red Book Listed Bond Counsel.

Rusing Lopez & Lizardi is a certified Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) and has been a proud member of the National Association of Minority and Women Owned Law Firms (NAMWOLF) since 2013. RL&L is listed as a Tier I Tucson, Arizona law firm in U.S. News and World Report’s Best Law Firms. Our lawyers are featured in the Best Lawyers in America in fifteen separate practice areas, and for the thirteenth consecutive year, RL&L attorneys have been recognized by the national rating organization, Super Lawyers. Our firm also holds an A-V rating from Martindale-Hubbell.

Rusing Lopez & Lizard, PLLC has a confident team with experience and the resources to provide your company with the best possible counsel. Attorneys in our firm are licensed to practice in Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, Texas, Nebraska, Washington D.C., New Hampshire, and New York.

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Our History

Sapientia Law Group is a law firm in Minneapolis, Minnesota, providing high-quality legal representation and consulting services in a variety of practice areas. Half of the firm’s attorneys are former “Big Firm” attorneys who came together to develop an innovative, non-traditional law firm model that distinguishes itself by the alternative fee structures offered to clients. Sapientia has represented more than 650 clients, including Fortune 100 and Fortune 500 companies. It always offers alternative fee structures to clients and has billed on average 55% of its revenue under alternative fee structures for the last seven years. SLG’s team includes Martindale-Hubble® AV-rated attorneys, a former CEO of a quarter-billion company, a for-profit company board director, a real estate development company board director, a former financial services corporate counsel, two former presidents of the Minnesota State Bar Association, a former Bar Foundation President, several attorneys recognized as “Attorneys of the Year” in the State of Minnesota, and several SuperLawyers®. Its team includes one of Minnesota’s top 100 “High Stakes Litigators®.” In 2015, Sapientia was also recognized in the 12th Annual Edition of “Top 500 Go-To Law Firms” published by Corporate Counsel®.

Our Experience

Bankruptcy Discrimination Litigation Commercial Lending
Collections Non-Compete/Non-Solicitation Agreements Real Estate Transactions
Receiverships Severance Agreements Commercial Contracts & Transactions
Foreclosures Workplace Investigations Corporate Formation & Governance

Our Diversity

Sapientia does not spend time talking about diversity or forming committees to focus on it. We live it. Sapientia is a women-owned and minority-owned, multi-ethnic, multi-cultural professional company that has attorneys with African American, Caucasian, Latino, and Native American roots. Our law firm is certified as a “Minority Business Enterprise” by the National Minority Supplier Development Council. Sapientia is one of a very few mid-sized law firms in the Midwest who is both minority-owned and women-owned.

Our Values

Sapientia has six core values: (1) Listen to Clients, (2) Provide Adaptable Billing Options, (3) Deliver Excellent Results, (4) Build Strength through Diversity, (5) Make a Difference, and (6) Have Fun. Sapientia’s ideal client is one looking for (i) a way to budget, contain, and plan for agreed-upon legal expenses (including trials), (ii) top-notch legal professionals who are recognized as great attorneys and leaders in the legal community, and (iii) a firm walking the talk of diversity.

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Smith Dollar PC is a certified, woman-owned law firm with deep experience in financial services.

Practice Areas:

**Lending Counsel/Transactional** - Smith Dollar provides counsel and advice to financial institutions concerning the establishment of lending policy and procedure and enforcement of specific collateralized obligations. We also draft internal and external documentation including trust opinions, lending opinions letters, promissory notes and deeds of trust, escrow instructions, borrower correspondence and notices. Smith Dollar administers a nationwide specialty lending program for a top 10 bank.

**Commercial Lending Litigation** - Smith Dollar handles judicial and non-judicial foreclosure of real property and mixed security loans, including guarantee enforcement and workouts. We have significant experience with SBA lending, construction-to-perm and cross-collateralized loans.

**Consumer Lending Litigation** - Smith Dollar handles both origination and servicing litigation in the mortgage space including matters alleging violations of RESPA, TILA, ECOA, FHA, FDCPA, FCRA, UDAPP and HBOR. Smith Dollar also handles litigation arising out of automobile based financing and breach of warranty.

**Repurchase Litigation** - Smith Dollar has been national repurchase counsel to several large financial institutions, enforcing contractual representations and warranties and recovering losses against downstream mortgage sellers. We developed standardized pleadings, developed strategy and litigated complex issues related to forum selection, statute of limitations, indemnity enforcement and contractual interpretation.

**Title Curative** - Smith Dollar has significant experience resolving complex title issues both pre and post origination. We have litigated title related issues, established equitable liens, made and enforced title claims and successively prosecuted actions against title insurers for declaratory relief, breach of the insurance contract and bad faith.

**Recovery and Fraud Litigation** - Smith Dollar handles all types of fraud and recovery litigation including fraud, negligence and breach of contract actions against mortgage brokers, real estate agents, escrow and settlement agents, notaries and title companies. We have significant experience in closing protection letter enforcement and director and officer liability.

**Representative Financial Services Clients**

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WHO WE ARE

WBENC certified and an active member of NAMWOLF, SL&F is proud to be 100% woman owned. We are a full-service default firm with extensive experience representing lenders and financial service companies in complex litigation.

WHERE WE ARE GOING

SL&F is committed to developing its practice to keep pace with our client’s protocols for compliance, cost effectiveness and efficiency. Our onsite IT staff works diligently to provide the most effective tools and customized system integrations for ensuring accuracy and precision timeline management.

WHAT WE DO

Comprehensive default services including the following:

LITIGATION

- Civil & Commercial litigation in both state & federal courts
- Lender-based litigation including TILA, RESPA & FDCPA
- Property-based issues
- Mediation

BANKRUPTCY - CREDITOR’S RIGHTS

- Comprehensive & strategic services
- Preserving & securing creditor collateral
- Negotiation & documentation of restructuring transactions
- Enforcement of remedies

TRANSACTIONAL

- Residential & Commercial financing
- Consumer loan review
- Formation & structuring of corporate entities
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Practical, cost-effective, and responsive. We bring decades of experience in the financial services sector to address your legal needs. Whether you’re looking for counsel on real estate issues or litigating in bankruptcy court, we work collaboratively with our clients to tackle their most challenging legal situations.

Our firm represents institutional creditors in all aspects of creditors’ rights litigation, including in bankruptcy and receivership proceedings. We also litigate on behalf of receivers and trustees in cases ranging from judgment enforcement to claims involving professional liability. Our attorneys also handle real estate issues of all types – from zoning disputes to issues relating to title and beyond – we bring both transactional and litigation experience to resolve legal issues involving real property.

FINANCIAL SERVICES PRACTICE AREAS

- Creditor interests in bankruptcy court
- Receivership actions
- Class action defense
- Judgment enforcement
- Real estate litigation, including title insurance issues, zoning, and related disputes

REPRESENTATIVE ENGAGEMENTS

- Representing secured creditors in Chapter 7, 11, and 13 bankruptcy matters.
- Representing receiver of insolvent institution
- Representing financial institution in breach of contract claims
- Conducting internal investigations for financial services client on sensitive business issues

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Getting Results in

Financial Services Litigation

The financial services landscape is in constant flux. New issues, regulations and administrative oversight require continuous monitoring and understanding. Financial services companies expect personalized advice and recommendations from attorneys with knowledge of, and experience within, the existing legal framework, coupled with the ability to obtain results in a practical, cost-effective manner. Walsh attorneys possess a broad range of financial services litigation experience in the areas of commercial lending and lender liability, commercial law, bankruptcy and financial restructuring, insolvency, creative rights and industry services.

What we do for our Financial Services clients:

Walsh attorneys offer clients extensive in-court experience (including alternative dispute resolution), having successfully represented all types of business entities, financial institutions and individuals in a wide range of complex commercial litigation matters throughout New Jersey and New York, at both the state and federal level, from inception through trial and appeal. Our team also regularly represents lenders and parties-in-interest in connection with bankruptcy litigation and contested matters, commercial lease workouts, foreclosure and debt-instrument litigation, real estate foreclosures, judgment enforcement and other foreclosure-related matters. Walsh also represents insurers in litigation relating to the Fair Credit Reporting Act and other compliance-related statutes, laws and regulations.

Our attorneys have an equal experience representing debtors and creditors in both bankruptcy reorganizations and liquidations, and serve as counsel to bankruptcy courts in a number of domestic and foreign corporations. Our firm also serves as primary bankruptcy counsel to a publicly traded banking corporation headquartered in New Jersey. Our team includes former law clients with the United States Bankruptcy Court, further contributing to our ability to provide our firm's clients with dynamic and creative bankruptcy counseling and solutions.

What really sets us apart:

The number and representative experience of our attorneys allows us to offer clients unique, personalized and cost-effective legal services to accommodate virtually every need in the commercial lending, asset disposition, commercial law, distressed debt and insolvency-related matters. Walsh's attorneys routinely collaborate among our firm's practice groups to provide clients with access to other lawyers with experience in class-action defense, litigation, labor and employment, intellectual property and other specialized areas in an inter-disciplinary approach to providing guidance and solutions to any financial services or risk management issues that may arise.

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- Complex Commercial Litigation
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