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Banks are under intense pressure to respond to new regulation and rapidly changing markets for financial products and services. We provide creative solutions to bank M&A transactions by drawing on our extensive M&A and technology practices as well as our deep regulatory experience and knowledge of financial products.

Mayer Brown is fortunate and proud that financial institutions of all types comprise a significant percentage of our client base, and we represent over two-thirds of the world's largest banks. We believe that our experience with the major financial regulatory schemes worldwide, but especially in the US, coupled with our professional relationships with key state, federal, and international regulators, are among the most important assets we offer to bank clients. Several of our lawyers have served in federal and state agencies, including the Department of the Treasury, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), Department of Justice (DOJ), the White House, and numerous offices of state attorneys general.

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Our **Bank M&A** practice handles transactions involving a diverse and sophisticated group of the world's largest banks, as well as asset managers, funds and fund sponsors, and other financial institutions engaged in banking businesses. We handle transactions ranging in size and complexity from multibillion dollar, cross-border transactions, to mid- and small-size transactions within a single national or regional market. We consider our greatest strength to be the attention, care and partner-led service we give to all our clients, regardless of the size of the deal.

Our Bank M&A practice works closely with the firm's **Financial Services Regulatory, Private Investment Funds, Banking and Finance** and **Technology Transactions practices**, which enables us to advise our bank clients on a wide range of increasingly complex investment management, regulatory, tax and other legal issues.

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## WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT FROM US

- Excellent M&A team with broad experience in M&A deals involving banks, bank holding companies and related businesses and products.
  - Broker-dealers
  - Asset managers
  - Merchant banking and financial advisory businesses
  - Portfolios of loans and other financial assets
- Extensive finance practice with experience in all categories of lending and other finance transactions undertaken by banks.
- Strong capabilities in federal and state financial regulatory compliance and consumer finance matters, as well as complementary regulatory capabilities in asset management and broker-dealer matters.
- Excellent fintech, cybersecurity and other supporting practices that routinely support financial services M&A transactions.

## WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

*A Law360 Banking Group of the Year 2021*

*Tier 1, Securities Regulation & Corporate*

*U.S. NEWS/BEST LAWYERS "BEST LAW FIRMS"*

They bring a rare sense of deal savvy, determination and boundless energy.

*BTI Consulting Group, M&A Outlook 2022*

They keep us updated on the latest SEC developments on primary and secondary equity issuance—incredible team.

*Legal 500*

A force to be reckoned with. They reach out to the right subject matter experts and brought them in at the right time.

*Chambers Global*

The team is strong and collaborative. They are deeply grounded in the law and able to extrapolate legal conclusions to practical situations. Their breadth of thought and ability to connect the dots between legal pronouncements and specific factual circumstances is remarkable.

*Chambers USA*

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