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## Banking

Steptoe attorneys utilize their regulatory and legislative experience, as well as corporate, intellectual property, and litigation counsel, for commercial banks and banking trade associations. Our work for these clients includes transactional matters; counseling in regulatory, enforcement and legislative issues; creditors' rights and litigation; business method patents; trademarks and trademark enforcement; e-commerce issues; copyright issues; tax; and ERISA.

Specifically, we have represented clients before the Federal Reserve, the Federal Direct Insurance Corporation, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, the Office of Thrift Supervision, and the Securities and Exchange Commission. In addition, Steptoe litigators are involved in court and arbitration proceedings throughout the world. Our litigation team represents financial institutions and officers and directors in white-collar issues such as allegations of money laundering and other alleged violations of law.

Steptoe also frequently assists clients in utilizing the benefits of multilateral lending institutions such as the World Bank, the US Export-Import Bank, and the US Overseas Private Investment Corporation.

We represent a number of the multilateral development banks on individual deals and as an advisor on regulatory and financial issues in emerging markets. Steptoe's transactional lawyers assist foreign governments with restructuring their banking laws and regulations to support privatization efforts. We also advise international investors on banking arrangements in Russia and Eastern Europe and foreign financial services clients on US banking laws and national treatment issues.

We advise on all areas of intellectual property for our banking clients, including business method patent procurement and enforcement, trademark registration and enforcement, and copyright issues.

Combined with one of the strongest e-commerce, electronic security, and encryption practices, our attorneys are active in the defense of and counter measures to phishing and pharming attacks, as well as other online fraud, representing numerous clients in trademark and cybersquatting suits arising from improper registration and use of Internet domain names.

Steptoe has an active Internet arbitration practice, with an emphasis on domain name disputes.

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### Representative Matters

- **Deutsche Bank**—Steptoe currently provides a wide range of workout, restructuring, and bankruptcy-related counsel and advice to Deutsche Bank, having successfully represented the Bank in matters involving hundreds of millions of dollars in loans to companies in the healthcare, real estate development, franchise, and commercial real estate development and ownership industries.
- **Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation**—Our practice provided trial counsel in the nationally important case of *FDIC v. Cafritz*, where the FDIC first obtained a protective injunction under the Taxpayers' Recovery Act. The case broke new ground in establishing preferential rights for the FDIC in fraudulent conveyance cases.
- **Chase Manhattan Bank**—We represented Chase Manhattan Bank in the bankruptcy of the Antonelli real estate interests, one of the more significant real estate developer proceedings in the United States and the largest in the Washington, DC, area. Chase Manhattan entered the proceeding with the tenth largest claim and exited the bankruptcy with the largest amount recovered.