

# Announcement

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## **Hunton & Williams LLP Top Ranked in SNL Financial League Tables for Third Consecutive Year, Sixth Time in Eight Years**

Hunton & Williams LLP was ranked #1 for the sixth time in eight years in SNL Financial's league tables for bank and thrift legal advisers, by number of deals. SNL Financial provides business intelligence services for the banking, insurance, financial services, real estate, energy, and media and communications sectors.

The firm's financial institutions corporate and regulatory lawyers advised on 20 announced whole bank acquisitions (which includes one sale and conversion of a mutual thrift and one sale transaction on which they advised seller as special transaction counsel) that SNL categorizes separately during 2014. Over the past 17 years, they have participated in nearly 350 banking merger and acquisition transactions.

"We have been involved in a number of bank transactions involving nonpublic stock as merger consideration. These transactions present unique challenges because sellers still want a roadmap to liquidity while buyers need to manage pro forma capital ratios," said Peter Weinstock, partner in the firm's Dallas office whose practice focuses on corporate and regulatory representation of financial institution franchises.

The lawyers in the financial institutions practice have been involved in 80 more bank M&A transactions over the past 15 years than any other firm. "We are pleased our clients have entrusted us with what may be their most important transaction," stated Stormy Greef, co-practice group leader.

Hunton & Williams LLP's financial institutions corporate and regulatory group focuses on bank regulatory and corporate matters. Lawyers within the practice represent banks, thrifts, foreign banks, their branches and agencies and other financial institutions, as well as bank and thrift holding companies and their officers, directors and owners.

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