CFPB Hits Back at Efforts to Kill Rule Easing Bank Lawsuits

Just days after approving a controversial rule that will make it much easier for Americans to sue their banks, the U.S.'s top consumer watchdog is already fighting back against attempts to prevent the regulation from taking effect, **reports Bloomberg**.

Bloomberg's **Elizabeth Dexheimer** reports that Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Director Richard Cordray said there is "no basis" to claims that his agency's action will put the nation's financial system at risk. Cordray was responding to concerns raised by acting Comptroller of the Currency Keith Noreika, a regulator appointed by the Trump administration who had a long legal career representing banks.

Under the new rule, financial firms are restricted from forcing consumers to resolve their disputes through arbitration, a practice that has been used by the industry for years to keep grievances tied to payday loans, credit cards and other products out of courts.

Read the Bloomberg article.