

Former CFPB and JPMorgan Chase Bank Executives Join Hogan Lovells

Akerman LLP announced additions to its Consumer Financial Services Practice Group with partners Eric Goldberg and Erica Stein. Goldberg joins the firm from the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, where he served as Managing Counsel for Regulations, and Stein joins from JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., where she was Vice President and Assistant General Counsel.

“Eric and Erica are exceptional lawyers with impressive financial services backgrounds,” said William Heller, chair of the Consumer Financial Services Practice Group. “Their combined experience as a former regulator and as a former in-house counsel make them powerful additions to our national team, particularly relating to payment systems and litigation in every state and all risk levels.”

The firm said Goldberg advises clients on a range of consumer financial services issues primarily relating to payments and fintech. His work focuses on both legacy payment systems such as debit and credit cards and emerging technologies such as mobile payments and prepaid cards. Prior to joining Akerman, Goldberg was Managing Counsel for Regulations at the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, where he led the agency’s payments regulatory work. At Akerman, Goldberg will concentrate on federal and state regulatory issues impacting providers of deposit accounts and emerging payment services, including prepaid cards and money transfers. He will also advise on credit products including credit cards and on fintech products such as those involving virtual currency, blockchain, and consumer data aggregation services. Relatedly, Goldberg will be evaluating UDAAP risk and counseling clients on issues arising under EFTA, TILA, TISA, EFAA, GLBA, BSA,

MLA, and the Dodd-Frank and FTC Acts.

Stein has experience as in-house counsel at JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. and previously with Akerman, defending a wide variety of financial services litigation, from individual disputes to class actions, in state and federal courts nationwide. She regularly defends financial services providers from claims (high volume to high stakes) brought pursuant to RESPA, TILA, FCRA, FDCPA, and TCPA. Erica also defends mortgage lenders, servicers, investors, and other financial services providers against borrower complaints alleging wrongful foreclosure and violations of state statutes, as well as operationalizing compliance with those state laws.

In recent weeks, Akerman also attracted partner Lori Nugent to the firm's Consumer Financial Services Practice Group. Joining from Greenberg Traurig in Dallas, she serves as co-chair of Akerman's Privacy, Cybersecurity and Emerging Technologies Team.