Perkins Coie Expands Regulatory Expertise with Ted Dowd

Washington, D.C. – Perkins Coie has added Ted Dowd to expand its regulatory practice. He is a former Acting Senior Deputy Comptroller and Chief Counsel of the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC). Dowd joins the firm as a partner in its Washington, D.C. office, bringing over a decade of leadership experience in the U.S. banking system.

In his new role, Dowd will collaborate with James Vivenzio, another former OCC official, to advise clients across the financial services sector, including banks, fintech platforms, and private equity sponsors. Their combined expertise in regulatory strategy and enforcement will be a significant asset as companies navigate the increasingly complex regulatory landscape.

During his tenure at the OCC, Dowd played a crucial role in overseeing fintech, blockchain, and digital assets within the federal banking system. His leadership extended to high-profile regulatory matters and licensing decisions, positioning him as a key figure in shaping U.S. banking policy.

“Ted’s deep insights in shaping national banking law and policy will be invaluable to clients facing the challenges of today’s financial services environment,” said Molly Moynihan, chair of Perkins Coie’s Financial Regulation practice.

Joe Cutler, chair of the firm’s Fintech Industry Group, emphasized that Dowd’s addition strengthens Perkins Coie’s ability to offer regulatory guidance for companies at the intersection of innovation and scrutiny.

Perkins Coie, which has earned top rankings in blockchain and fintech law, continues to expand its regulatory capabilities, with Dowd being the 13th partner to join the firm in 2025.