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About Steve

Steve Conigliaro is a principal in the firm's Financial Services Practice Group, where he brings over two decades of experience guiding clients through consumer banking and regulatory compliance matters. He has been a trusted advisor to the world's largest national banks, foreign banking organizations, credit unions, auto captive finance companies, fintechs, payment card networks, mortgage originators, student lending servicers, payment service providers and issuing and acquiring banks.

Throughout his career, Steve has led many important strategic transactions and partnership negotiations including auto finance private label agreements with auto original equipment manufacturer (OEMs), whole loan purchase agreements with major point-of-sale personal loan originators, mortgage loan servicing agreements and transformational bank partnership agreements with financial services technology providers.

Steve also has a strong track record of successfully defending financial institutions on supervisory and enforcement matters with the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, the Federal Reserve Board, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau related to all major consumer banking businesses, including auto finance, credit card, unsecured lending, home lending and digital and branch banking.

Before joining the firm, he held leadership roles in the legal departments at some of the largest national banks in the US. Steve began his legal career at a leading global law firm and was a founding member of its Financial Services Practice Group, where he specialized in representing payment card networks, banks and other financial institutions.

Experience

- Served as lead counsel for a national bank on a US\$4 billion annual whole loan purchase agreement with a major point-of-sale personal loan originator.
- Negotiated several sophisticated auto lease and loan side-by-side agreements (including for indirect and direct auto lending) for a money center bank with an electric vehicle (EV) auto OEM.

- Negotiated an Master Service Agreement (MSA) and Statements of Work (SOWs) for a point-of-sale merchant seeking to implement a credit card surcharge program to offset interchange and other payment card processing costs associated with its payment card acceptance.
- Counseled a fintech company on issuing prepaid gift cards and prepaid mobile airtime top up in compliance with FinCEN's Bank Secrecy Act (BSA) Anti-Money Laundering (AML) regulations and state Money Service Business (MSB) licensing standards.
- Represented a national fuel retailer on the negotiation of a commercial card agreement with a payment processor to offer branded MasterCard payment cards to the retailer's fleet and commercial customers
- Counseled a buy-now pay-later fintech company on developing a compliance management system to establish preventative and detective controls to comply with Reg Z, Reg E and Unfair, Deceptive or Abusive Acts or Practices (UDAAP).

Credentials

Education

- Cornell Law School, J.D., *cum laude*, 2002
- Bucknell University, B.A., 1999

Admissions

- California, 2004
- New York, 2004
- Arizona, 2024

Expertise

Services

- Financial Services

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