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Education

J.D., Georgetown University Law Center, 2005 (*magna cum laude*)

B.A., Vassar College, 1999

Bar Admissions

District of Columbia

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Austin Brown advises financial services institutions regarding high-stakes enforcement, litigation and compliance issues. His practice focuses on investigations and enforcement proceedings, class action litigation, internal corporate investigations, transactional diligence, examination support and compliance advice.

Mr. Brown advises clients in matters involving a broad range of financial services statutes and regulations, including those relating to unfair, deceptive or abusive acts or practices; fair lending; credit reporting; disclosures; suspicious activity reporting; and safety and soundness. He defends institutions in investigations and enforcement actions brought by the U.S. Department of Justice, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, the Federal Trade Commission, state attorneys general, and federal and state bank regulatory authorities. Mr. Brown also has extensive experience defending clients in class action litigation and litigation by government agencies.

He has assisted clients in matters covering all types of financial services issues, including product development, sales and marketing, pricing and underwriting, credit reporting and servicing activities. Mr. Brown also regularly assists financial services institutions with developing and revising compliance and risk management systems.

Mr. Brown frequently publishes and lectures on enforcement and compliance issues.

Publications

“Special Purpose Credit Programs – Taking a Second Look at a Familiar Tool,” *Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP*, July 29, 2020

“Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Launches Advisory Opinion Process,” *Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP*, June 19, 2020

“Paycheck Protection Program: An Overview of Fair Lending Risks,” *Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP*, May 19, 2020

“Proposed Rule Could Substantially Affect ‘Disparate Impact’ Claims Under the Fair Housing Act,” *Skadden’s 2020 Insights*, January 21, 2020

“Managing Compliance Risks For Income Share Agreements,” *Law360*, July 17, 2019

“Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Update,” *Skadden’s 2018 Insights*, January 2018

“Is Your Fair Lending CMS Up-to-Date?” *Mortgage Compliance Magazine*, September 2017

“The Uncertain Future of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau,” *Westlaw Journal Derivatives*, Vol. 23 Issue 9, March 2017

“Limited English Proficiency: An Emerging Compliance Risk,” *Skadden’s 2016 Insights - Financial Regulation*, January 2016

“CFPB Pursues Aggressive Enforcement Agenda and Arbitration Restrictions,” *NY Business Law Journal*, Summer 2016

“CFPB Eyes Arbitration Agreements, Limited English Proficiency,” *Law360*, November 13, 2015

Speeches

“Consumer Compliance Hot Topics,” *Skadden’s 28th Annual Conference on Fair Lending and Consumer Financial Protection*, Washington, D.C., April 20, 2020

“Due Process in Supervision,” *ABA Banking Law Committee, Washington, D.C.*, January 16-18, 2020

“Fair Lending – Digital Marketing and HMDA 2018,” *2019 Marquis User’s Conference*, Dallas, Texas, October 22, 2019

“Responding to Internally Identified Compliance Issues,” *Skadden’s 27th Annual Conference on Fair Lending and Consumer Financial Protection*, Washington, D.C., April 8, 2019

“Forecasting Litigation and Settlement Trends in the Mortgage Servicing and Fair Lending Context,” *ACI’s Residential Mortgage Regulatory Enforcement and Litigation Conference*, Dallas, Texas, October 22-23, 2018

“Fair Lending and HMDA 2018,” *Marquis 2018 User’s Conference*, Dallas, Texas, August 7-9, 2018

“Emerging Issues in Pricing and Underwriting,” *Skadden’s 26th Annual Fair Lending Conference*, Washington, D.C., April 16, 2018

“Redlining Issues in Residential and Small Business Lending,” and “The Evolution of the UDAAP Doctrine and its Connections to Fair Lending,” *Skadden’s 25th Annual Fair Lending Conference*, Washington, D.C., April 24, 2017

“Mortgage Developments and Trends,” *Skadden’s 24th Annual Fair Lending Conference*, Washington, D.C., April 11, 2016

“Is Your Examiner Always Right? Adjusting to the New Regulatory Regime,” *ABA National Conference for Community Bankers*, Palm Beach, California, February 17, 2016

“Third-Party Relationship Compliance and Risk Management: Enhancing Your Oversight and Control Over Vendors and Service Providers in an Environment of Heightened Regulatory Expectations,” *ACI Consumer Lending Regulatory Compliance*, New York, October 30, 2015

“Mortgage Lending Developments,” *Skadden’s 23rd Annual Fair Lending Conference*, Washington, D.C., April 13, 2015

“HMDA and Expectations of Privacy and Data Security,” *Mortgage Bankers Association’s Legal Issues and Regulatory Compliance Conference 2014*, San Diego, California, May 2014

“Responding to a CFPB Civil Investigative Demand,” *Skadden’s 22nd Annual Fair Lending Conference*, Washington, D.C., April 14, 2014