



Frank C. Bonaventure Jr.

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Frank C. Bonaventure's experience with banks, credit unions, savings associations, and non-depository lenders makes him a typically sought-out media resource.

As a former federal and state regulator, Mr. Bonaventure has experience with banks, credit unions, savings associations, and non-depository lenders.

Mr. Bonaventure is a sought-after resource for the media on bank regulatory issues, and is quoted frequently in business and trade publications including the *Wall Street Journal* and *The American Banker* magazine. Recognized throughout the legal community, he has been listed in the Financial Institutions, Transactions Law, and Banking Law categories of *The Best Lawyers in America*® since 2005.

In addition, he represents financial institutions from a corporate standpoint in all phases of mergers and acquisitions, purchase and assumption transactions, holding company acquisitions, mutual conversions and general corporate governance.

Mr. Bonaventure's experience in non-financial institution corporate matters includes structuring new corporations, negotiation of contracts, internal governance, mergers, acquisitions and other business combinations.

Mr. Bonaventure is the former co-chair of the Firm's Financial Services Transactions Group. He is the past chairman of the Maryland Lottery Commission and currently serves on the Baltimore City Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals. He often speaks to the banking community on topics related to capital formation, M&A issues and governance.



Professional Honors & Activities

Professional Memberships

- Member – American Bar Association, Section on Business Law
- Baltimore City Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals
- Member, Task Force Director Education – [Maryland Bankers Association](#)
- Section on Corporations, Banking and Business – Maryland State Bar Association

Honoraries

- Listed since 2005 in *The Best Lawyers in America*® for Banking and Finance Law since 2006 and Financial Services Regulation Law since 2011
- Named the Best Lawyers® 2025 Financial Services Regulation Law "Lawyer of the Year" in Baltimore
- Section Council (1993 – 1994)
- Chair – Committee on Financial Institutions (1991 – 1993)



Professional Background

- Maryland Attorney General's Office, Chief Financial Regulator
- Office of the Comptroller of Currency, Senior Counsel



Speaking Engagements

- Speaker – "Holding Effective, Efficient, and Energetic Board Meetings," Pennsylvania Bankers Association 2019 Convention, Palm Springs, California (May 2019)
- Co-presenter – "Fair Lending Enforcement – What Your Regulators are Focused On and How to Avoid the DOJ," 37th Annual Independent Community Bank Conference (April 2017)
- Presenter – "Introduction to .bank and Other Recent Developments in Bank Internet Operations," Annual Conference, Pennsylvania Bankers Association (2015)
- Presenter – "Legal and Regulatory Update," East Coast Regional Conference, Financial Managers Society (2013)
- Presenter – "Hot Legal Topics," Independent Community Bank Conference, Rowles & Company, LLP (2013)
- Presenter – "Disparate Impact Discrimination and Community Banks," Bank Safety and Soundness Advisor (2013)
- Presenter – "Basel III Proposals: Issues for Community Banks," Maryland Bankers Association (2012)



Education

- Howard Law School, J.D., 1980, cum laude
- University of Maryland, B.A., 1974



Admissions

- Maryland
- Court of Appeals of Maryland