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Top Skills

Intellectual Property

Lending

Litigation Management

Languages

French

Haitian Creole

Publications

Why the Check Cashers Win

Starting a Community Development Bank

Peggy Delinois Hamilton

Special Counsel to SBA Administrator, General Counsel,
Presidential Appointee, Board Director and Executive Advisor
Washington, District of Columbia, United States

Summary

Solution-oriented General Counsel with 25+ years' extensive bank regulatory experience supporting and advising on critical business matters as well as crisis management issues on behalf of high-profile financial institutions. Presidential appointee to Cabinet-level Federal economic agency with \$1.2 trillion portfolio. Led strategic project planning to include complex negotiations, commercial transactions, and risk determinations. Expertly managing skilled teams, prioritizing multiple deadline-driven projects while applying well-honed legal judgment to quickly synthesize information to provide swift, well-determined decisions.

Experience

U.S. Small Business Administration

2 years 9 months

Special Counsel for Enterprise Risk

December 2022 - Present (11 months)

Washington DC-Baltimore Area

Principle legal advisor to the Administrator on risk management activities enterprise-wide. Primary support to the Administrator on the development of strategies for mitigating the dynamic risks facing the agency, focusing on fraud in pandemic relief programs as well as potential fraud exposure as a top priority, and the development of plans to reduce risks to SBA operations. Key strategic counsel regarding potential enterprise-wide risks that have a clear impact on key agency programs.

General Counsel

February 2021 - December 2022 (1 year 11 months)

Washington DC-Baltimore Area

Sandy Spring Bank

3 years 5 months

SVP, Deputy General Counsel

May 2020 - February 2021 (10 months)

With the General Counsel, plans, directs and advises on the legal affairs of Sandy Spring Bank and its family of companies including products and services relating to deposits and operations, lending, wealth management, trust, investment advisory services and insurance.

Senior Vice President, Senior Corporate Counsel

October 2017 - May 2020 (2 years 8 months)

Olney, MD

Provide legal counsel and advice with respect to all deposit, lending and fiduciary operations and related issues affecting the overall operations and strategic goals of the organization.

Hamilton Consulting

President

July 2007 - December 2017 (10 years 6 months)

Washington, District Of Columbia

Represented clients in a variety of matters focused on Consumer Finance and Community Development law, across a broad platform of organization types. Expertly advised on complex subject matters in supporting client business practices within compliance guidelines. Advise Community Development Financial Institutions (banks/bank holding companies, non-profit organizations, credit unions and small businesses) regarding CDFI Fund programs, business development initiatives and corporate governance strategies. Provide project development and administration, and policy manual, training manual and grant writing assistance to banking associations and small businesses.

Axiom

Bank Regulatory, Consumer Financial Services Attorney

June 2014 - October 2017 (3 years 5 months)

Washington D.C. Metro Area

Engaged at top global financial institutions. Retained to identify and assess associated operational, financial and reputation risks for retail bank and credit card operations. Provided legal support to online, branch, small business, commercial bank and credit card marketing materials, practices and initiatives. Measured, identified and managed risks related to customer credit card and branch complaints. Responsible for integrating new and existing mortgage rules into enterprise-wide processes for business counsel and front-line personnel use.

Axiom, a recognized leader in the business of law, is the world's largest and fastest growing non-traditional provider of legal services. Combining deep legal and business expertise with operational prowess, Axiom works closely with leading law departments to improve their risk profiles, lower cost, and create more value for their corporations. With 1000 + employees, the firm serves nearly half of the Fortune 100 through 12 offices and 4 delivery centers globally.

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Yale University School of Law

Faculty

July 2002 - July 2007 (5 years 1 month)

New Haven, CT

Clinical Teaching Appointment. Represented clients, supervised students and student managers, taught banking, small business and community development law in two transactional clinics. Expertise in corporate law, non-profit and charitable organizations (tax and corporate law), bank holding company and change in bank control. Negotiated and acquired start-up capital, developed business plan and charter application for de novo community development bank, Start Community Bank, New Haven, CT.

City First Bank of DC

General Counsel, Corporate Secretary

January 1999 - June 2002 (3 years 6 months)

Washington D.C. Metro Area

Legal affairs oversight for de novo national bank. Growth-stage advising on all banking, corporate, regulatory compliance, employment, and transactional matters until profitability obtained. Administered regulatory authorities including Office of the Comptroller of Currency, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and Federal Home Loan Bank Board relationships. Led staff, managed executive officers, retained and supervised outside counsel. Advised on crucial banking regulations concerning day-to-day back office functions (deposit and loan operations, debit operations, check processing, ATM network, etc.), corporate bank and bank holding company expansion activities.

WilmerHale

Associate

July 1992 - January 1999 (6 years 7 months)

Banking and Financial Services practice

Education

Harvard Law School

Doctor of Law - JD · (1989 - 1992)

Brandeis University

BA, English · (1985 - 1989)