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## FOREWORD

The University of North Carolina School of Law Banking Institute was founded to provide a forum for the exchange of ideas in the rapidly changing banking community. The financial services industry has undergone rapid change in recent years, and many of those changes were generated by new developments in the legal framework governing the business of banking. It is our hope that this Institute will benefit both attorneys and bankers in keeping abreast of these changes in the legal environment and the opportunities that they may provide.

With this inaugural Institute and accompanying publication, we hope to achieve something rather unique. We hope to bring together a collection of academics, banking attorneys, and banking professionals to provide discussions and presentations on important legal issues that affect not only the day-to-day operations of banking institutions, but also their long-term strategies and goals. Furthermore, it is our intent that, through the involvement of students at the University of North Carolina School of Law, we can provide a unique service unavailable through participation in other conferences or symposia. To that end, in addition to the presenter's contributions, the Board of Editors and the Staff Members have worked to compile Comments and Notes on recent developments in the law governing the banking industry.

We are optimistic that the Institute can serve the banking and legal communities of North Carolina and the nation. We encourage your suggestions on ways in which we can improve either the conference or this publication.

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