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The North Carolina Banking Institute (NCBI) is a student-edited journal that contains Articles written by professionals in the banking industry and Notes and Comments written by law students at the University of North Carolina School of Law. The goal of the NCBI is to provide its readers insight into the most practical and cutting edge issues facing attorneys, judges, policy makers, and scholars within the banking and finance industry. Volume 19 explores important current issues in financial regulation and provides comprehensive analysis of recent developments in the banking and finance industry.

Volume 19 is published in conjunction with the nineteenth annual University of North Carolina School of Law Banking Institute, held March 26-27, 2015. The Banking Institute is one of the nation’s premier programs for banking attorneys and industry professionals. Hosted in the spring of each year in Charlotte, North Carolina, it is sponsored by the Center for Banking and Finance at the University of North Carolina School of Law (Center). The annual Banking Institute is preceded by a one-day program, “The ABCs of Banking Law,” for those interested in a short course overview of banking law fundamentals. Many thanks to Mayer Brown LLP for hosting in 2014 and to Bryan Cave LLP for hosting the 2015 program.

In addition to the Center’s programs and the time spent writing and editing the Notes and Articles included in Volume 19, the NCBI participated in several programs throughout the academic year to assist students’ professional networking efforts. The NCBI editors and staff members would like to thank the attorneys who participated in NCBI’s sixth annual Career Trek. In an effort to learn more about legal careers in the financial services industry, members of the NCBI traveled to Charlotte, North Carolina, to meet with attorneys at Wells Fargo and Mayer Brown. After learning about the career paths of several attorneys at Wells Fargo and the various responsibilities that in-house attorneys have at Wells Fargo, the students were hosted by Mayer Brown for lunch and provided with additional advice regarding legal interviews and career paths. The editors and staff members especially thank Eugene Katz from Wells Fargo and Carol Hitselberger from Mayer Brown for their gracious hospitality.

To further stress the importance of building a strong professional network, attorneys from the Triangle area were invited to join members of the NCBI for lunch, discuss their career path, and provide feedback on students’ resumes. Many thanks to Benjamin
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The Center was established in July 2000 to play a leadership role in the continual evolution of the financial industry. The Center sponsors and supports the North Carolina Banking Institute continuing legal education program and the NCBI, both of which were founded in 1997. While the annual Banking Institute is the Center’s signature program, the Center is also involved as a sponsor or co-sponsor with a wide variety of other programs designed to provide high quality education to the banking and finance industry. The Center also studies legal and policy issues related to banking and finance and works to advance the teaching of banking and finance. On November 21, 2014, the Center hosted a dialog on heightened expectations and blurred lines for bank directors in a changing regulatory environment. The transcript of the discussion is featured here in Volume 19.

A distinguished Board of Advisors, consisting of attorneys and industry professionals, guides the activities of the NCBI and Center’s activities. The Center and its Board welcome your suggestions as to how the Center may better serve the needs of the industry. Please feel free to contact Lissa Broome (lbroome@email.unc.edu) to share your ideas or to become involved in the Center’s activities. To learn more about the Center’s programs and activities, please visit the Center’s website at http://www.law.unc.edu/centers/banking. To view the PDF versions of the Notes and Articles provided herein or past volumes published by the NCBI, please visit the Center’s website at http://www.law.unc.edu/journals/ncbank/. If you have any suggestions about topics that the students of the NCBI should write about in the future or you have an interest in having an Article published in Volume 20, please email your topic ideas or Article to ncbank@unc.edu.

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