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Mark Plotkin, a partner in the Washington, DC office of Covington & Burling, has focused his practice on financial services regulation, information technology and national security. He has represented a wide range of domestic and foreign financial institutions on matters before federal and state banking regulators, including such clients as diverse as Brown Brothers Harriman, JPMorgan Chase, Bank of America, Regions Bank, MasterCard, New York Life, American Cash Exchange, RZB of Austria, the International Bank of Azerbaijan and the Bank of Bhutan.

He also has advised many non-banking companies — such as Microsoft, Yahoo!, Home Shopping Network, QVC, Expedia, the National Football League, the Israel Diamond Exchange, and the sovereign wealth funds of Singapore and the United Arab Emirates — on financial services issues in connection with their business activities and in proceedings before domestic and foreign regulatory agencies, including the FTC.

Mr. Plotkin's financial services regulatory work encompasses consumer protection and compliance; novel and complex bank activities, operations and structures; mergers and acquisitions; de novo charters; data privacy and security; anti-money laundering; and enforcement actions. He has testified before Congress on electronic money and smart card matters, and has served as a faculty member for a variety of Federal Reserve and FDIC in-house programs for bank regulators. He was editor-in-chief of the treatise *E-Commerce Law and Business*, and is co-editor of the forthcoming sixth edition of the treatise *Regulation of Foreign Banks*. He also has published dozens of articles on matters relating to financial services regulation.

Mr. Plotkin was graduated from Yale College *summa cum laude* and Harvard Law School with honors. He is an adjunct professor of law at Georgetown University Law Center.