

David Curatolo Joins Cullen and Dykman LLP as Of Counsel, Bringing 15+ Years of Banking and Financial Services Experience

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Uniondale, New York – Cullen and Dykman LLP is pleased to announce that [David Curatolo](#) has joined the firm as Of Counsel in the [Banking and Financial Services department](#). With over 15 years of experience, David provides strategic legal counsel to banks and financial institutions, specializing in regulatory compliance, mergers and acquisitions, and operational implementation.

Prior to joining the firm, David served as Senior Vice President and Senior Deputy General Counsel at Flagstar Bank. There, he led legal efforts in significant transactions, including the 2023 acquisition of Signature Bank and the 2022 merger of Flagstar Bancorp, Inc. into New York Community Bancorp, Inc. He also managed operational transitions during Flagstar’s national rebranding and spearheaded innovations in banking services, ensuring regulatory compliance while driving growth.

David's expertise spans key banking functions, including deposit operations, treasury management, and digital banking. His extensive background includes his role at New York Community Bancorp, where he guided capital actions and handled governance matters, regulatory filings, and contract reviews and negotiations. His practical, business-oriented legal strategies help clients navigate complex regulatory landscapes and achieve their strategic goals.

Joseph Simon, head of the firm’s Regulatory and Compliance practice, stated, “David is a tremendous addition to our Banking and Financial Services department. He brings a deep and varied knowledge of bank regulatory, compliance and operational issues with the unique perspective of having been in-house counsel at Flagstar Bank. He will be a valuable asset to our many financial institution clients.”

David added, “I am very honored to join the firm’s Banking and Financial Services department. In my 15 years as in-house counsel at a large bank, Cullen and Dykman was always an essential tool in providing indispensable counsel for novel and complex banking and regulatory matters. I look forward to providing that same counsel for our financial institution clients as we navigate the ever-changing economic, competitive and regulatory landscape in banking.”

David earned his J.D. from St. John’s University School of Law and his B.A. from New York University. He is admitted to practice in New York.

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