



# SYMPOSIUM ON BANK MERGERS

Office of the Comptroller of the Currency

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## Agenda

### Friday, February 10, 2023

**8:00 a.m.–9:15 a.m.**

**Registration**

**9:15 a.m.–9:30 a.m.**

**Opening remarks from Michael J. Hsu,  
Acting Comptroller of the Currency**

**9:30 a.m.–10:30 a.m.**

**Panel I: General Competition**

**Moderated by a representative from the U.S. Department of Justice**

**Panelists:**

**Philip E. Strahan**

John L. Collins, S.J. Chair in Finance, Carroll School of Management, Boston College

**H. Rodgin Cohen**

Senior Chair, Sullivan & Cromwell LLP

**Sarah Miller**

Executive Director and Founder, American Economic Liberties Project

**11:00 a.m.–12:15 p.m.**

**Panel II: Economics-Focused Research on Competition**

**Moderated by a representative from the Board of Governors  
of the Federal Reserve System**

**Panelists and papers presented:**

**David Benson (co-authored with Samuel Blattner, Serafin Grundl,  
You Suk Kim, and Ken Onishi)**

“Concentration and Geographic Proximity in Antitrust Policy:  
Evidence from Bank Mergers”

**Allen N. Berger (co-authored with Troy A. Kravitz and Lynn Shibus)**

“The Many Facets of Bank Competition: Evidence from An Extraordinary Dataset”

**Jonathan Wallen (co-authored with John Hatfield)**

“Many Markets Make Good Neighbors: Multimarket Contact and Deposit Banking”

**12:15 p.m.–1:15 p.m.**

**Box lunch provided**

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1:15 p.m.–2:15 p.m.

## Panel III: Financial Stability

**Moderated by a representative from the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System**

**Panelists:**

**Dan Awrey**

Professor of Law, Cornell Law School

**Tim P. Clark**

former Deputy Director of Supervision and Regulation for the Federal Reserve Board of Governors, and Distinguished Senior Banking Advisor, Better Markets

**Randal Quarles**

Chairman and Co-Founder, The Cynosure Group

**Graham Steele**

Assistant Secretary for Financial Institutions, U.S. Department of the Treasury

2:45 p.m.–3:45 p.m.

## Panel IV: Convenience and Needs

**Moderated by a representative from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation**

**Panelists:**

**Patricia A. McCoy**

Liberty Mutual Insurance Professor of Law, Boston College Law School

**Kathryn Judge**

Harvey J. Goldschmid Professor of Law and Vice Dean for Intellectual Life, Columbia Law School

**Greg Baer**

President and Chief Executive Officer, Bank Policy Institute

**Renita Marcellin**

Legislative and Advocacy Director, Americans for Financial Reform

4:15 p.m.–5:00 p.m.

## Keynote Address

“The Political Complexities of Bank Merger Policy:  
An Intellectual and Political History.”

**Peter Conti-Brown**

Class of 1965 Associate Professor of Financial Regulation,  
Associate Professor of Legal Studies & Business Ethics,  
The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania

5:00 p.m.–5:15 p.m.

## Closing remarks

**Benjamin W. McDonough**

Senior Deputy Comptroller and Chief Counsel,  
Office of the Comptroller of the Currency

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