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Q&A WITH DANIEL MEADE

**What standout moments in your career have significantly shaped your professional journey?**

◆ A standout moment in my career must be my work as a senior counsel to the House Financial Services Committee during enactment of the Dodd-Frank Act. At one point during the Conference Committee to reconcile the Senate and House versions of the bill, a photo of a moment when I was staffing Chairman Frank ran in a number of newspapers, including the front page of my hometown Boston Globe. There are not too many chances for a regulatory attorney to make the front page of the paper. Aside from the moment of notoriety, the whole year working on what became the Dodd-Frank Act was a highlight of my career for the mix of law and public policy, along with the fact that the team that the chairman and our staff director had assembled was one of the best work teams I have been a part of.

What qualities and values do you believe are essential for building strong, trusting relationships with clients?

◆ Sometimes the strongest, most trusting client relationships are built on your ability as their lawyer to tell them no, you cannot do what you want to do. That 'no' usually is not the end of the conversation, though. It may be that what a client proposes cannot be done the way they originally proposed, but coming at the issue from another direction or restructuring the transaction, might give them 80 percent of what the client is looking for and be able to get them to 'yes'. When I was in law school, I worked part-time as a bartender. A periodic-regular at the bar was a law professor, and he asserted that being a bartender or server might be the best non-legal training for a lawyer, for among other reasons, telling someone they had had enough – i.e., telling them no.



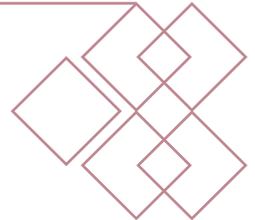
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Looking ahead, what are your predictions for this area of the market? What key developments are on the horizon?

◆ In the bank regulatory space, much like any regulatory discipline, we are seeing a good deal of rightsizing or removal of a good bit of regulation over the past year – depending on your political perspective. So, we follow the numerous rule proposals being proposed by the federal banking agencies. The most anticipated change is the US regulators’ upcoming proposal to implement the so-called Basel III endgame capital rules. At Cadwalader, our bread-and-butter is supporting our clients’ most sophisticated transactions. For our banking clients, the capital rules undergird almost all of those transactions, and so helping our clients navigate the proposal, possibly advocate for changes to proposal, and then comply with the final rule take up a good deal of space on the horizon. ■



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