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Profile

Savanna is a financial institutions regulatory attorney who advises a variety of financial institutions, including credit unions, commercial banks, and trust companies, on all aspects of business and regulatory matters.

Savanna represents a variety of federally and state chartered financial institutions, regularly advising on complex and extensive financial institution regulations. Savanna implements a comprehensive and coordinated approach to provide effective results that are tailored to the client's needs. Savanna is also experienced in drafting and negotiating commercial contracts and corporate governance documents for financial institution clients, including confidentiality agreements, software license agreements, master services agreements, consulting agreements, vendor agreements, bylaws, and account agreements. Savanna has advised financial institution clients on the following regulatory issues:

- Privacy and Data Security
- Suspicious Activity Reporting
- Fraud Investigations
- Money Laundering
- Lender Liability
- Charter Conversions
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- De Novo Branching
- Federal Preemption
- Regulatory Appeals
- Disclosure Requirements
- Record Retention
- Right of Setoff
- Restraining Notices
- Electronic Funds Transfers
- Funds Availability
- Trust Accounts
- Whistleblower Protection
- Indemnification of Directors & Officers
- Corporate Governance Matters

Savanna previously practiced with Debevoise & Plimpton, LLP in New York, NY. She received a J.D. from Columbia Law School in 2020, where she was a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar.

Honors & Affiliations

- *New York Super Lawyers®* Rising Star, Banking, Business & Corporate, 2025
- New York State Bar Association
- Central New York Women's Bar Association

Education

- Columbia Law School (J.D., *Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar*, 2020)
- Cornell University (B.A., *magna cum laude*, 2017)

Bar/Court Admissions

- New York

Practices

- Business and Transactions
- Financial Institutions Regulatory
- Mergers and Acquisitions

- Onondaga County Bar Association

Other Activities

- CNYArts, Inc., Board Member