

## Banking

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At Gordon Arata Montgomery Barnett, we have represented clients in the banking industry in Louisiana for more than 75 years. Our attorneys formed the majority of the state's bank holding companies; represented community banks in mergers and acquisitions; advised on capital and liquidity issues and counseled banks in all aspects of the regulatory process.

We have advised bank boards and prepared proxy materials for a variety of transactions, including a Subchapter S conversion, and have advised a regional bank in the formation and registration of a factoring fund. We represent bank trust departments in a variety of issues related to the assets under their administration, and we also represent banks in their capacity as executor of wills on probate matters and in administration of the probate estate. Our attorneys also counsel bank officers and directors on matters affecting officer and director liability and provide advice on executive compensation, employment contracts and severance arrangements.

Our attorneys handle all aspects of financing new commercial loans, including oil and gas financings, construction loans, and loans secured by interests in:

- Real estate
- Oil and gas assets
- Equipment
- Inventory
- Accounts receivable
- Agricultural products
- Fiber-optic cables
- Vessels
- Leasehold estates

Working closely and efficiently with bank lending and troubled asset departments, we also handle re-negotiations and workouts of troubled loans as well as the exercise of remedies and foreclosures of loans in default.

From the board room to the closing table to the trust department, we are in our element when it comes to effectively assisting banks with all commercial banking matters.

