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Highly Experienced Attorneys Join C3 Compliance Consultants to Help Businesses Navigate New Rules and Regulations

Maple Lawn, MD | February 24, 2013 - Congress has passed new rules and regulations regarding mortgage lending and other consumer issues that may well prove to be a complicated maze for businesses to navigate. As a result, the law firm of Offit Kurman, which already has a thriving Financial Institutions Compliance Practice Group and has recently launched C3 Compliance Consultants, Inc. (C3CC), has hired Barton Shapiro as a principal in its Financial Institutions Compliance Practice. C3CC founder and director Ari Karen, who is also an attorney and principal at Offit Kurman, commented "Bart's addition provides our clients with a unique insight into the regulatory agencies and new rules most impacting our clients on a daily basis."

In addition to his role as a principal at Offit Kurman, Mr. Shapiro will help spearhead C3CC. Mr. Shapiro is highly regarded as one of the foremost authorities on the Dodd Frank Act and other consumer protection laws. He joins Offit Kurman from his former position as a senior advisor for community banks and credit unions to the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB). In addition, he served as Director of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Office of RESPA and Interstate Land Sales. Mr. Shapiro is based in the firm's Washington, DC area office that is in Bethesda, Maryland.

"It's exciting to join a young, energetic and driven company whose mission it is to assist financial institutions stay on the right path," stated Mr. Shapiro. "I look forward to helping build C3CC into a strong national entity."

Kenneth F. Fick, C3CC's managing director, commented about the addition of Bart Shapiro: "We could not be more pleased that Bart has joined C3CC. Not only is he a regulatory thought leader who has worked on and frequently provided guidance in developing mortgage related regulations, he also brings a depth of experience to C3CC that will serve to advise clients as they manage within the new and fast-paced and multifaceted financial regulatory environment."

Additional new associates for both entities include Rachel Wolf and Daniella Casseres.

Ms. Wolf's practice focuses on regulated financial services with an emphasis on consumer credit, residential lending, and brokering and debt management. She advises clients regarding multi-jurisdictional compliance and federal consumer finance laws and regulations. Ms. Casseres' practice focuses on laws and regulations governing mortgage lenders, mortgage brokers, financial institutions, and consumer finance companies.

About C3 Compliance Consultants, Inc. (C3CC)

C3 Compliance Consultants Inc. is a rapidly growing Offit Kurman Company, founded in 2012 and has offices located in Baltimore/Washington, Baltimore City, Bethesda, and Tysons Corner. C3CC was formed to help lenders across the United States comply with regulations overseen by the recently launched Consumer Financial Protection Bureau resulting from the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010.

About Offit Kurman

Offit Kurman is the fastest-growing, commercial law firm in the mid-Atlantic region of the United States. It has offices in Baltimore, Bethesda, Frederick, Maple Lawn, and Owings Mills, Maryland; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Vienna, Virginia; and Wilmington, Delaware. The firm's website is www.offitkurman.com.

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