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### *Related Services*

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John Gerl is a partner in the Financial Services Group. John focuses his practice on the representation of both public and private financial institutions, wealth management, and investment advisory firms in a range of transactional and regulatory matters, including mergers and acquisitions, debt and equity securities offerings, securities reporting, regulatory compliance, and general corporate governance.

John has been recognized by *The Best Lawyers in America*® “Ones to Watch” for Banking and Finance Law.

John received his J.D. from Duke University, where he served as the lead articles editor and symposium coordinator of the *Alaska Law Review* and as vice president of the Business Law Society. A First Honor Graduate, John graduated, summa cum laude, from the University of Georgia, where he received his B.S. in psychology and his B.A. in sociology.

### *Representative Experience*

- Counsel to Cadence Bank (NYSE: CADE) in its \$6 billion merger to form one of the 50 largest banking organizations in the U.S., as well as nine other successful bank acquisitions.
- Counsel to Seacoast Banking Corporation of Florida (NASDAQ: SBCF) in 11 successful bank acquisitions.
- Represented numerous public and private financial institutions in both buy- and sell-side M&A transactions.
- Counsel to Truist Financial (NYSE: TFC) in its sale of its institutional retirement investment business to three separate acquirers.
- Represented dozens of wealth management and investment advisory firms in acquisition and corporate reorganization transactions.
- Counsel to various financial institutions in their compliance with enforcement actions and banking regulations with the Federal Reserve, FDIC, OCC, and various state banking departments.
- Advising public companies on SEC compliance issues and assisting with the preparation of proxy statements, Section 16 reporting and Forms 10-K, 10-Q, and 8-K.
- Represented issuers and underwriters in community bank securities offerings.

### *Publications & Presentations*

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- “What’s Your Leverage? Most Community Banks Can ‘Opt In’ to the Community Bank Leverage Ratio Framework,” *The Banking Law Journal*, May 2020.

## ***Professional & Community Engagement***

- State Bar of Georgia
- Atlanta Bar Association
- National LGBT Bar Association
- Georgia Lawyers for the Arts

## ***Education***

- Duke University (J.D., 2015)
- University of Georgia (B.S., B.A., 2012)

## ***Admitted to Practice***

- Georgia