



2026 Auto Finance Seminar

Driving Ahead: Auto Finance Insights from Industry Leaders

April 22 - 23, 2026

Hinshaw Chicago Office | 151 North Franklin Street | Suite 2500 | Chicago, IL

Agenda

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

6:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Welcome Dinner RPM Italian
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THURSDAY, APRIL 23

8:30 am – 9:00 am	Seminar Check-In & Breakfast Illinois Foyer
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9:00 am – 9:05 am	Welcome Illinois Room <i>Brian McGrath, Partner and Consumer Financial Services Co-Practice Group Leader, Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP, New York</i>
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9:05 am – 10:20 am	Plenary Session #1 – State of the Industry Illinois Room Speakers: <i>William Nolan, Senior Managing Director, Co-Leader of Financial Services, FTI Consulting, Charlotte</i> <i>Tanya Meerovich, Senior Managing Director, FTI Consulting, New York</i> <i>Lauren Campisi, Partner, Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP, New Orleans</i> <i>Stewart Spielman, Partner, Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP, Baton Rouge</i> This session will cover the state of the automotive finance industry, significant commercial and consumer market developments, and expected developments on the horizon.
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10:20 am – 10:35 am	<p>Networking Break</p> <p>Illinois Foyer</p>
10:35 am – 11:30 am	<p>Plenary Session #2 – Regulatory Enforcement Insights</p> <p>Illinois Room</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p><i>Lauren Campisi, Partner, Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP, New Orleans</i></p> <p><i>Leslie Meredith, Partner, Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP, Washington, D.C.</i></p> <p><i>Joseph Sanders, Partner, Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP, Chicago</i></p> <p>This session will cover the impact of change in administration, recent federal & state enforcement landscape, and regulatory priorities & trends.</p>
11:30 am – 12:30 pm	<p>Lunch and Learn Session: AI in Automotive Finance</p> <p>Illinois Room</p> <p>Speaker: TBA</p> <p>This session will address immediate AI use cases specific to the automotive finance industry and regulatory considerations to mitigate potential risk.</p>
12:30 pm – 1:00 pm	<p>Networking Break</p> <p>Illinois Foyer</p>
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	<p>Concurrent Session #1A: Commercial – Dealer Diligence</p> <p>New York Room</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p><i>Stewart Spielman, Partner, Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP, Baton Rouge</i></p> <p><i>Dustin Alonzo, Partner, Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP, New Orleans</i></p> <p>Session description coming soon.</p>



<p>1:00 pm – 2:00 pm</p>	<p>Concurrent Session #1B: Consumer – Fair Lending: The Latest Developments Impacting Automotive Finance</p> <p>Illinois Room</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p><i>Lauren Campisi, Partner, Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP, New Orleans</i></p> <p><i>Michael Guerrero, Partner, Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP, Los Angeles</i></p> <p><i>Peter Cubita, Senior Counsel, Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP, New York</i></p> <p><i>Dr. Adam Gailey, Vice President, Charles River Associates, New York</i></p> <p>This session will address the latest developments in fair lending interpretations, executive orders, regulatory amendments, and enforcement.</p>
<p>2:00 pm – 3:00 pm</p>	<p>Concurrent Session #2A: Commercial – Bankruptcy, UCC & Lender Liability Litigation Updates</p> <p>New York Room</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p><i>Stephen Stroschein, Partner, Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP, Baton Rouge</i></p> <p><i>Kim Gage, Senior Partner, Cooksey, Toolen, Gage, Duffy & Woog, Costa Mesa</i></p> <p>Recent bankruptcy cases revisit old themes and topics, but there’s always something new to explore.</p>
<p>2:00 pm – 3:00 pm</p>	<p>Concurrent Session #2B: Consumer – States in the Spotlight: The Latest Licensing & State Law Updates</p> <p>Illinois Room</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p><i>Bonnie Dye, Partner, Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP, New Orleans</i></p> <p><i>John Kimble, Partner, Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP, Los Angeles</i></p> <p><i>Adair Kingsmill, Partner, Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP, New Orleans</i></p> <p>This session will discuss recent licensing and state law updates specific to the automotive finance industry.</p>



<p>3:00 pm – 3:15 pm</p>	<p>Networking Break Illinois Foyer</p>
<p>3:15 pm – 4:15 pm</p>	<p>Concurrent Session #3A: Commercial – Collateral Enforcement: A View from the Ditches New York Room</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p><i>Stephen Strohschein, Partner, Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP, Baton Rouge</i> <i>Siobhan Grant, Partner, Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP, Miami</i></p> <p>When enforcing collateral rights, bumps in the road can be unavoidable, but it's always best not to crash.</p>
<p>3:15 pm – 4:15 pm</p>	<p>Concurrent Session #3B: Consumer – The Latest Litigation Trends and Developments Impacting Automotive Finance Illinois Room</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p><i>David Schultz, Partner, Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP, Chicago</i> <i>Gregg Stevens, Partner, Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP, Dallas</i> <i>Joe Apatov, Partner, Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP, Ft. Lauderdale</i> <i>James Sandy, Partner, Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP, Cleveland</i></p> <p>This session will focus on litigation issues impacting the automotive finance industry. It will concentrate on developments in the last year, including some statistical analysis, key court opinions, and trends.</p>
<p>4:15 pm – 4:30 pm</p>	<p>Networking Break Illinois Foyer</p>



4:30 pm – 5:30 pm	<p>Plenary Session #3 – Collateral Enforcement: Consumer Repossessions, Impounds, and Servicemember Protections</p> <p>Illinois Room</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p><i>Dustin Alonzo, Partner, Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP, New Orleans</i></p> <p><i>Nicholas O’Conner, Partner, Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP, Tampa</i></p> <p><i>Brian Turetsky, Partner, Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP, New York</i></p> <p>This panel will discuss federal and state compliance issues regarding consumer repossessions, hot topics in impound litigation, and developments in SCRA supervision and enforcement and best practices for compliance with the repossession protections of the SCRA.</p>
5:30 pm	<p>Happy Hour Reception</p> <p>Illinois Foyer</p>