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About Leslie

Leslie provides strategic, business-oriented advice to corporate and individual clients in the consumer financial services industry on compliance with consumer protection laws and regulatory enforcement matters. She also has extensive experience managing supervisory examinations, handling complex civil litigation, and conducting internal investigations of suspected misconduct.

Her work is grounded in deep knowledge of federal and state laws impacting deposits, payments, lending, and servicing. Leslie regularly advises clients on issues including:

- Prohibitions on unfair, deceptive, or abusive acts and practices (UDAAP)
- 50-state consumer lending compliance and preemption of state laws
- Customer complaint management
- The Bank Bribery Act and conflicts of interest related to outside business activities
- Customer funds matters, including custodial account recordkeeping, responding to levies and garnishments, and escheat of abandoned funds

Prior to joining Hinshaw, Leslie was a partner at an international law firm and completed a six-month secondment with a large financial institution, working as a member of the private banking legal advisory group and litigation department.

Leslie's Affiliations

- American Bar Association, Litigation Section; Woman Advocate Committee

- Leadership Counsel on Legal Diversity, Fellow, 2021

Areas of Focus

Industries: Banking & Financial Institutions; Consumer Financial Services; Financial Services

Services: Complex Commercial Litigation; Financial Services Litigation;

Financial Services Regulatory & Compliance; Litigation & Trial;

Regulatory & Compliance; Supervisory Examinations, Investigations & Enforcement

Experience

- Defended financial services providers in enforcement actions and investigations across a wide range of matters, involving state agencies, attorneys general, congressional inquiries, federal banking regulators, the CFPB, and the DOJ.
- Enhanced compliance and reduced regulatory risk by guiding clients through risk assessments and updating internal policies and customer-facing documents, enabling expanded product offerings.
- Led internal investigations of suspected misconduct or legal violations and advised on strategic disclosures to regulators.
- Prepared clients for supervisory review during new product launches and geographic expansions, ensuring regulatory readiness.
- Managed remediation of regulatory findings, including MRAs and MRIAs, minimizing potential enforcement exposure.
- Represented institution-affiliated parties (IAPs) in enforcement actions under 12 USC 1818(e) and False Claims Act investigations, protecting client interests and reputation.

Recognition

- American University Washington College of Law, *American University Law Review*, Editor-in-Chief

Credentials

Education

American University Washington College of Law, JD, *cum laude*, 2011

Washington College, BA, *magna cum laude*, 2006

Bar Admissions

District of Columbia*

Massachusetts*

New York*

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Thought Leadership

Publications

- Co-Author, “[5 Evolving Marketing Risks That Finance Cos. Should Watch](#),” Expert Analysis, *Law360*, October 7, 2025

Blog Post

- Several States Target Gift Card Fraud this Holiday Season by Imposing New Compliance Obligations on Retailers, Nov 4, 2025

Event

- Dustin Alonzo and Leslie Meredith Highlight Key Consumer Finance Law Updates at 2025 CCFL Conference, Nov 20, 2025

In The News

- Leslie Meredith and Vaishali Rao Author Expert Analysis on Emerging Enforcement Risks in Marketing and Advertising, Oct 8, 2025

Press Release

- Hinshaw Adds Experienced Financial Services Partners Joseph Sanders and Leslie Meredith in Chicago and D.C., Sep 16, 2025