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FINAL RULES (and th	eir associat	ed Propose	d Rules):	
FDIC, FRS, OCC, NCUA – Final Rule: Private Flood Insurance	Moderate	<u>84 FR 4953</u> 2/20/19	7/1/2019	The final rule requires regulated lending institutions (FIs) to accept policies that meet the statutory definition of "private flood insurance" in the Biggert- Waters Act (BWA); and permits FIs to exercise their discretion to accept flood insurance policies issued by private insurers and plans providing flood coverage issued by mutual aid societies (defined in the rule) that do not meet the statutory definition of "private flood insurance." The rule includes a streamlined compliance aid to help FIs evaluate whether a policy meets the definition of "private flood insurance" without further review of the policy. However, it is an important point that this provision does not relieve an institution of the requirement to accept a policy that both meets the definition of "private flood insurance" and fulfills the flood insurance coverage requirement, even if the policy does not include the statement. Regarding discretionary acceptance, the final rule permits FIs to accept flood insurance policies issued by private insurers that do not meet the statutory and regulatory definition of "private flood insurance" if four criteria are met: 1) the policy provides coverage in the amount required by the flood insurance purchase requirement; 2) the issuer is approved to engage in the business of insurance by the insurance regulator of the State or jurisdiction in which the property to be insured is located; 3) the policy covers both the mortgagor(s) and the mortgagee(s) as loss payees, except in the case of a policy that is provided by a condominium association, cooperative, etc., for which the premium is paid by the applicable group as a common expense, and 4) the policy provides sufficient protection of the designated loan, consistent with general safety and soundness (S&S) principles, and the FI documents its conclusion regarding sufficiency of the protection of the loan in writing. Last, the rule provides that FIs may accept a plan issued by a mutual aid society in satisfaction of the flood insurance purchase requirement if
Regulation B/ECOA	Moderate	<u>URLA</u> <u>Update by</u> <u>GSEs</u> <u>9/26/17</u> <u>Update</u> <u>8/13/19</u> <u>Update</u> <u>10/23/19</u>	7/1/19 Optional Use period postponed - Date TBD	The GSEs have <i>republished</i> all URLA forms to update Demographic Information Addendum based on the CFPB's finalized HMDA/Reg C. Changes only the form instructions and not the data fields. Although mandatory use of previously updated forms was originally set for February 1, 2020, the FHFA has directed the GSEs to make changes including: (1) Removal of the language preference questions; (2) Revising the Borrower Information section to address specific uses of borrower data; and (3) moving the military service question to a new section. The GSEs have published the updated and redesigned URLA, which reflects revisions announced in August 2019 at the direction of the FHFA. The redesign includes the removal of the language preference question. The GSEs, indicate they will publish an interactive (fillable) PDF version of the redesigned URLA in early 2020. New implementation dates have yet to be announced.
TILA/Reg Z and REG E – Prepaid Accounts (includes stored value products like mobile wallets and P2P products)	Major, but isolated	81 FR 83934 11/22/16 82 FR 18975 4/25/17	10/1/17; extended to 4/1/18 except agreements must be submitted to CFPB effective 10/1/18 Both 4/1/19 (see below)	Applies Regs E and Z to a wide range of prepaid consumer accounts, including traditional prepaid cards, payroll cards, student financial aid disbursement cards, certain government benefit cards, mobile wallets, P2P payment products, and other electronic prepaid accounts that can store funds (excludes open and closed loop gift cards, and health, medical and flex savings accounts). (a) Extends error resolution rights and consumer liability protections for unauthorized or fraudulent charges, other errors, or lost or stolen devices; (b) requires long and short form "Know Before You Owe" disclosures (models); (c) requires statements, or free account balance by phone, and 12- and 24- month transaction histories online and in writing, respectively; (d) extends CARD-Act like protections to overdraft/credit features (such as ATR, and independent for < age 21; statements; 21-day grace period with only reasonable/proportional late fees; limits rates & fees in the 1 st year; limits rate increases; 30-day waiting period); prohibits right of offset and auto-pay without consent; and (f) requires issuers post prepaid account agreements on websites. CFPB's implementation resources are <u>here</u> .



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		<u>83 FR 6364</u> 2/13/18	4/1/19	Delays the effective dates of the 11/2016 and 4/2017 final rules to 4/1/2019. Reverses two prior rules in FI's favor: 1) Eliminates mandatory error resolution and liability provisions for unregistered, unverified accounts; 2) To address complications between credit cards linked to digital wallets, creates a limited exception to the credit-related provisions of the final rule in Reg. Z for certain business arrangements between prepaid account issuers and credit card issuers that offer traditional credit card products. The rule also expands the situations that prepaid account issuers can allow negative balances on prepaid accounts. Other minor clarifications address the exclusion of loyalty, award, and promo gift cards from coverage, allows unsolicited issuance in certain cases, and provides flexibility for delivery of pre-acquisition disclosures and submission of agreements.
		<u>84 FR 7979</u> <u>3/6/19</u>	4/1/19	The CFPB has issued technical specifications for prepaid account issuer submissions, including the URL for the website where issuers can register and submit their prepaid account agreements. Prepaid card issuers must submit to the Bureau no later than May 1, 2019 all prepaid account agreements they offer as of April 1, 2019. Issuers are not required to make submissions if they have fewer than 3,000 open prepaid accounts as of the end of a calendar quarter. The issuer must begin making submissions no later than 30 days after the last day of the calendar quarter if they are no longer eligible for the de minimis exception. The CFPB also released a user guide, a quick reference guide, FAQs, and a recorded webinar here. The Small Entity Compliance Guide is updated to reflect the most current prepaid account rules.
Regulation CC, Availability of Funds and Collection of Checks	Moderate	Final Rule <u>83 FR 46849</u> <u>9/17/18</u>	1/1/19	Rule finalizes the June 2017 proposal with modifications, addressing whether a substitute or electronic check should be presumed to be altered or forged in cases of doubt. Final rule adds that presumptions of alteration applies <u>to dates</u> , as well as dollar amounts and payees. As proposed, the presumption does not apply to a dispute between banks where the original check was transferred between banks even if that check is subsequently truncated and destroyed, or if the check is available for all parties to examine, as the presumption applies only to disputes concerning substitute checks or electronic checks. The final rule replaces the term "forgery" as used in the proposal with the term "issued with an unauthorized signature of the drawer." Under the rule the depositary bank typically bears the loss related to an altered check, whereas the paying bank bears the loss related to a forged check. If there is a dispute between the paying bank and the depositary bank as to whether a substitute or electronic check is altered or forged, the presumption is that the substitute/electronic check contains an alteration. The presumption may be overcome if a preponderance of the evidence proves the substitute or electronic check does not contain an alternation, or that it was a forgery.
Regulation CC Final Rule (CFPB and FRB) to adjust dollar amounts under the EFA Act for inflation and extend coverage to certain territories	Moderate	Final Rule <u>84 FR 31687</u> <u>7/3/19</u> Correction <u>84 FR 45403</u> <u>8/29/19</u>	New territories effective 9/3/19, all other changes effective 7/1/20	As proposed, based on CPI-W measured inflation, the CFPB and the FRB will adjust the amounts stated in the EFA and Reg CC in 2020, and every fifth year thereafter. As per Reg CC's change in terms provision, FIs must send a written notice to consumer account holders at least 30 days after implementation. The first set of adjustments is: 1) next day availability amount of \$225; 2) the amount that must be available for withdrawals by cash or other means (second business day) of \$450; and, 3) new account and exception hold amounts on amounts over \$5,525. EGRRCPA amendments extend coverage to FIs within American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and Guam (effective 9/3/19).
HMDA - Expansion of data	Major	Final Policy Guidance <u>84 FR 649</u> <u>1/31/19</u>	Applies beginning January 2019	Final policy guidance on the loan-level HMDA data, and modifications thereto, that the Bureau intends to make public. New reporting fields that Bureau identifies as likely to facilitate identification of an applicant or borrower will be modified (specific rulemaking expected Spring 2019) and these fields are excluded entirely: ULI, application and action dates, property address, credit scores, LOs' NMLS#, automated underwriting results, and certain free form text fields.



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		Interpretive Rule <u>83 FR 45325</u> <u>9/7/18</u>	Effective May 24, 2018 w/ retroactive provisions	This interpretive and procedural rule implements the requirements of section 104(a) of the EGRRCPA. Institutions that originated fewer than 500 closed-end mortgage loans in each of the two preceding calendar years do not need to collect or report certain data with respect to closed-end mortgage loans. The same threshold applies to open-end lines of credit. An institution is not eligible for the exemptions if it received a "needs to improve" during each of its two most recent CRA exams, or a "substantial non-compliance" during its most recent CRA exam. 26 of 48 data points are included in the exemption and institutions may voluntarily report exempt data points, however all the fields for that data point must be reported. The rule provides that institutions are not required to report certain data that may have been collected on or before May 24, 2018. A couple important points to consider are: the Universal Loan Identifier (ULI) is an exempt data point, however institutions still must uniquely identify each application; secondary market investors that don't qualify for exceptions are required to have a ULI, so <i>they</i> may still require the selling institution have a ULI for each loan; and certain institutions regulated by the OCC and FDIC will still be required to report Reasons for Denial, regardless of whether they qualify as a small filer. The Filing Instructions Guide (FIG) for data collected in 2018 was revised on August 31, 2018. Additionally, the FFIEC released a 2019 version of their HMDA Getting it Right Guide and the CFPB recently released a redesigned version of its HMDA data and research page.
		Proposed Rule <u>84 FR 20972</u> <u>5/13/19</u> Comment Period Reopened <u>84 FR 37804</u> <u>8/2/19</u>	Comment due 6/12/19 10/15/19	The CFPB proposes two alternatives to amend Reg. C to increase the threshold for reporting data about closed-end mortgage loans (currently >=25 as established by the <u>10/2015 Rule</u>) so that institutions originating fewer than either 50 closed-end mortgage loans (would relieve appx. 745 depository FIs reporting under current rule, but 99% of originated closed-end loans would still be reported in total), or alternatively 100 closed-end mortgage loans (would relieve appx. 1,682 depository FIs reporting under current rule, but 96% of originated closed-end loans would still be reported in total), in either of the two preceding calendar years would not have to report such data as of 01/01/20. The proposed rule would also adjust the threshold for reporting data about open-end lines of credit by extending to 01/01/22, the current temporary threshold of 500 open-end lines of credit and setting the threshold at 200 open-end lines of credit upon the expiration of the proposed extension of the temporary threshold (currently set to expire 01/01/20). The Bureau also proposes to incorporate CFPB interpretations issued on August 31, 2018 into Regulation C. The Bureau reopened the comment period to allow comment on the complete national loan level dataset for 2018 that was <u>released</u> August 30, 2019.
		Final Rule <u>84 57946</u> <u>10/29/19</u>	1/1/20	The rule finalizes two elements of the <u>5/2019 Proposed Rule</u> . 1) The rule extends to January 1, 2022, the current temporary threshold of 500 open-end lines of credit for open-end institutional and transactional coverage (the CFPB intends to issue separate final rule to change the permanent coverage thresholds for open-end lines of credit and closed-end mortgage loans). 2) The rule generally finalizes the <u>9/2018 Interpretive Rule</u> without substantive change. It also addresses certain additional interpretive issues relating to the partial exemptions that the <u>9/2018 Interpretive Rule</u> did not specifically address, such as how to determine whether a partial exemption applies to a transaction after a merger or acquisition. An institution is not eligible for the exemptions if it received a "needs to improve" during each of its two most recent CRA exams, or a "substantial non-compliance" during its most recent CRA exam. 26 of 48 data points are included in the exemption and institutions may voluntarily report exempt data points, however all the fields for that data point must be reported.
		ANPR <u>84 FR 20049</u> <u>5/8/19</u> <u>84 FR 31746</u> <u>7/3/19</u>	Comment due 7/8/19 Extended to 10/15/19	The CFBP solicits comments relating to whether to make changes to the data points that the Bureau's <u>10/2015 HMDA Rule</u> revised or added to Reg C. Comments related to any and all of the revised or new data points (as listed in a table in the ANPR) are encouraged. Additionally, the Bureau solicits comments relating to the requirement that institutions report information on business or commercial purpose loans made to a non-natural person and secured by a multifamily dwelling including information related to the following: the value that such data provides in serving HMDA's purposes; other benefits associated with reporting such transactions; and, the burden imposed by the requirement to report such data.

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RESPA/TILA - Integrated Mortgage Disclosure (TRID)	Moderate	Final Rule <u>83 FR 19159</u> <u>5/2/18</u>	Effective 6/1/18	Finalizes the October 2017 proposal. Changes include: 1) as proposed creditors may use Closing Disclosures (CDs) to reflect changes in costs for purposes of determining if an estimated closing cost was disclosed in good faith, regardless of when the CD is provided relative to consummation. The reference to the restrictive 'no more four-business days before consummation' timing limit has been removed. 2) as proposed clarifies that only costs affected by the valid changed circumstance may be considered for resetting tolerances; costs that are not associated with the changed circumstance may not be changed on a revised LE, initial CD or revised CD. Since May 2019, the Bureau has issued a <u>factsheet</u> addressing LEs and CDs in connection with 'assumptions', and revised its <u>TILA/RESPA Integrated Disclosure FAQs</u> to address construction loans, and additional questions about providing LEs to consumers. None of the FAQs appear to provide additional guidance or information to the industry that is not already common knowledge. On 12/18/19 the Bureau published <u>two Guides</u> : one on separate LEs and CDs and one on combined CDs each related to construction-permanent transactions. The Guides provide, to date, the most comprehensive guidance and illustrative examples for commonly asked questions about TRID and Regulation Z provisions related to completing these disclosures.
CFPB – Payday Loans, Vehicle Title and Certain High Cost Installment Loans (Deposit Advance Products and longer-term loans with balloon payments)	Moderate	<u>82 FR 54472</u> <u>11/17/17</u>	Eff 1/16/18 Mandatory compliance for payment provisions is 8/19/19* Eff Mandatory compliance for underwriting (ATR) provisions' effective date extended to 11/19/20	Finalizes the proposed rule. This rule includes banks, credit unions, nonbanks, and their service providers. Covered loans include open-end and closed-end loans: (1) short-term loans (≤45-days) and (2) longer-term balloon-payment loans (defined as payment that is twice as large as any other payment). Certain rule provisions apply to a third type of loan, covered longer-term loans (cost of credit exceeds 36% APR and leveraged payments where the lender can initiate transfers from the consumer's account on its own). ATR requirement: reasonable determination the borrower can repay using either DTI ratio or residual income calculation and doing an internal and Veritec-type database checks. ATR alternative includes \$500 max, stepped paydowns, no vehicle security, no open end, no ATR loan within 30 days or more than six covered loans in 12 months, disclosures are provided, and database check completed. <i>However, the final rule does not apply to loans such as:</i> (1) purchase money loans with security interest; (2) loans secured by real estate; (3) credit cards; (4) student loans; (5) non-recourse pawn loans; (6) overdraft services and lines of credit; (7) wage advance programs; (8) certain no-cost advances; (9) loans that generally conform to the NCUA's PAL; and (10) accommodation loans (lender/affiliates making 2500 or fewer covered loans in the current year and in the preceding year, and deriving no more than 10% of their receipts from covered loans). The rule prohibits lenders from making repeated attempts to withdraw payment from a consumer's account after its second consecutive attempt to do so has failed due to lack of sufficient funds. The rule also imposes new disclosure requirements. * <i>The CFPB notes in its Compliance Guide that: "The compliance date is currently stayed pursuant to a court order issued in Community Financial Services Association v. CFPB, No. 1:18-cv-00295 (W.D. Tex. Nov. 6, 2018). As a result, lenders have no obligation to comply with the Rule until the court-ordered stay is lifted." As of 12/6</i>
		Final Rule <u>84 FR 27907</u> <u>6/17/19</u>	Effective 8/16/19	Following its 2/14/2019 proposal, the Bureau has issued a final rule extending the compliance date for the mandatory underwriting (ATR) provisions of its rule governing short-term, small-dollar loans, from August 19, 2019, to November 19, 2020. The Bureau had separately proposed to rescind those underwriting requirements, and in its final rule concludes that it has strong reasons to revisit the underwriting provisions set out in the reconsideration <u>ANPR</u> ; and recognizes if the underwriting provisions go into effect while the Bureau is in the process of reconsidering these provisions, consequences would likely follow, some of which may be irreversible even if the underwriting provisions are later rescinded. NOTE: Final Rule does NOT extend the mandatory effective date for provisions establishing certain requirements and limitations on attempts to withdraw payments from a consumer's account (Payment Provisions).

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CFPB Annual Threshold Updates for CARD, HOEPA, and ATR/QM	Minor	<u>84 FR 37565</u> <u>8/1/19</u>	1/1/20	 CARD Act: 1) No change to the minimum interest charge threshold requiring disclosure of charge above \$1.00. 2) For open-end consumer credit plans subject to the CARD Act, the adjusted amount in 2020 for the safe harbor for a first violation penalty fee will increase by \$1 to \$29 and the adjusted amount for the safe harbor for a subsequent violation penalty fee will increase by \$1 to \$40. HOEPA: The CFPB increased the current total loan amount threshold from \$21,549 to \$21,980, and the current points and fees threshold from \$1,077 to \$1,099. ATR/QM: 1) For a loan amount: greater than or equal to \$109,898 (currently \$107,747), points and fees may not exceed 3 percent of the total loan amount 2) greater than \$65,939 (currently \$64,648) but less than \$109,898, points and fees may not exceed \$3,297 (currently \$3,232) 3) greater than \$21,980 (currently \$21,549) but less than \$65,939, points and fees may not exceed 5 percent of the total loan amount 4) greater than \$13,737 (currently \$13,468) but less than \$21,980, points and fees may not exceed \$1,099 (currently \$1,077) and 5) For a loan amount less than \$13,737 (currently \$13,468), points and fees may not exceed 8 percent of the total loan amount
Interagency - Appraisal Threshold Changes for	Moderate,	Proposed <u>83 FR 63110</u> <u>12/7/18</u>	Comment due 2/5/19	Part 1) would implement a rural residential property appraisal exemption under EGRRCPA to exclude from FIRREA's requirement to obtain an appraisal if the following conditions are met: the property is located in a rural area; the transaction value is <\$400,000; the loan is retained in portfolio (subject to exceptions); and, not later than three days after the Closing Disclosure is provided, the mortgage originator or its agent has contacted at least three state-licensed or state-certified appraisers, and documented that no such appraiser was available within five business days beyond customary and reasonable fee and timeliness standards for comparable appraisal assignments. Part 2) would increase the current transaction value exemption for real estate transactions secured by single 1-to-4 family residential property from \$250,000 to \$400,000. (If this proposed exemption is adopted, it negates the significance of the rural property exemption). The proposal also implements the appraisal review provision in DFA Section 1473(e) which mandates the agencies to require FIs to review appraisals for federally related transactions (unless exempted by the applicable thresholds as proposed) for compliance with the USPAP.
Rural Property and 1-4 Residential	Positive Change	<u>84 FR 53579</u> <u>10/8/19</u>	10/9/19, except the evaluation requirement for transactions exempted by the rural residential appraisal exemption, and the appraisal review provision 1/1/20	The final rule increases the threshold level for which appraisals are not required for residential real estate (single 1-to-4 family residential property) transactions from \$250,000 to \$400,000. For residential real estate transactions exempted from the appraisal requirement as a result of the revised threshold, regulated institutions must obtain an evaluation of the real property collateral that is consistent with safe and sound banking practices. The final rule makes a conforming change to add to the list of exempt transactions those transactions secured by residential property in rural areas that have been exempted from the agencies' appraisal requirement pursuant to the EGRRCPA and requires evaluations for these exempt transactions. The final rule also amends the agencies' appraisal regulations to require appraisals for federally related transactions be subject to appropriate review for compliance with the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice.
TILA: Screening and Training Requirements for MLOs with Temporary Authority	Minor	<u>84 FR 63791</u> <u>11/19/19</u>	11/24/19	The CFPB issued an interpretive rule to address Reg Z's, §1026.36(f)(3), which generally requires a loan originator (LO) organization employing an individual LO who is not licensed or required to be licensed pursuant to the SAFE Act to: (1) Complete certain screenings of that individual prior to the individual acting as a LO on a consumer credit transaction secured by a dwelling, and (2) to provide periodic training. EGRRCPA §106 amended the SAFE Act (in section titled "Eliminating Barriers to Jobs for Loan Originators" effective 11/24/19) to permit certain individuals previously registered or State-licensed for a certain period of time pursuant to the SAFE Act to act as a LO in a State, if they have applied for a LO license in the State ("loan originators with temporary authority"). Although it's ambiguous, the CFPB believes the appropriate interpretation of § 1026.36(f)(3) is that it does <i>not</i> refer to a LO with temporary authority and concludes that a LO organization is not required to comply with the screening and training requirements if the individual LO employee is authorized to act as a LO pursuant to the temporary authority described in the SAFE Act. The CFPB's <u>FAQs to the SAFE Act</u> were updated to reflect the amendments made by EGRRCPA.

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CFPB, Fed, and OCC- Annual Threshold Updates for 2020	Minor	1)84FR 58020 2)84FR 58013 3)84FR 69993 4)84FR 70410	1/1/20	CHANGE TO THRESHOLD: (1) TILA application is \$58,300 (increase from \$57,200); (2) exemption for appraisals on HPMLs is \$27,200 (increased from \$26,700) (3) new HMDA asset size exemption threshold is \$47 million (up from \$46 million in 2019); (4) "Small Creditor" threshold for purposes of the exemption to establish escrow accounts for HPMLs is \$2.202 billion at 12/31/19 (increase from \$2.167 billion).
PROPOSED RULES &	GUIDANCE	(not associa	ated with a Fi	nal Rule):
CFPB Issues ANPR relating to the upcoming expiration of the qualified mortgage provision known as the GSE Patch	Moderate	ANPR 84 FR 37155 7/31/19	Comment due 9/16/19	The ANPR invites public comment regarding the category of qualified mortgage (QM) loans that are eligible for purchase or guarantee by either Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac. Under Reg Z, this category of QMs (Temporary GSE QM loans) is scheduled to expire no later than 1/10/2021. The CFPB indicates it currently plans to allow the Temporary GSE QM loan category expire in January 2021 or after a short extension, if necessary. In the ANPR, the CFPB solicits comments on possible amendments to the ATR/QM Rule, including whether to revise Reg Z's definition of a QM in light of the GSE Patch's scheduled expiration. Questions asked include whether the definition of QM should retain a direct measure of a consumer's personal finances (i.e., debt-to-income ratio), and whether the definition should include an alternative method for assessing financial capacity. The CFPB estimates that, as a result of the current General QM loan definition's 43% DTI limit, approximately 957,000 loans—31% of all closed-end first-lien residential mortgage originations (that were purchased by the GSEs in 2018)—fell within the Temporary GSE QM loan definition but not the General QM loan definition.
CFPB Proposes Regulations to Implement the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (FDCPA)	Potentially Major	Proposed <u>84 FR 23274</u> <u>5/21/19</u> <u>84 FR 37806</u> <u>8/2/19</u>	Comment due 8/19/19 Extended to 9/18/19	The proposal applies to debt collectors, which is essentially third-party debt collectors; however, several provisions require creditors to exercise oversight over third party collectors they place debts with, and to take steps before debt assignment to facilitate the collectors' use of electronic communications with the consumer. The proposal provides consumers with protections against harassment and options to address or dispute debts, and: sets limits on the number of calls collectors may place to reach consumers (\leq 7 per week and 1 week between each "successful contact" which may include leaving messages); clarifies how collectors may communicate using technologies, such as voicemails, emails and text messages; and requires collectors to provide additional information to help consumer identify debts and respond to collection attempts. The proposed rule prohibits a collector from suing or threatening to sue a consumer to collect a debt if the collector knows or should know that the statute of limitations has expired (time-barred) and prohibits a collector from furnishing information about a debt to a consumer reporting agency unless the collector has communicated about the debt to the consumer, such as by sending the consumer a letter. The proposal includes a model Validation Notices form. Even if not a debt collector as defined by the FDCPA, the regulatory agencies <i>may</i> still invoke UDAAP authority as it relates to provisions of the proposal.
HUD - Implementation of the Fair Housing Act's Disparate Impact Standard	Moderate	Proposed <u>84 FR 42854</u> <u>8/19/19</u>	Comments due 10/18/19	This rule proposes to amend HUD's interpretation of the FHA's disparate impact standard to reflect the Supreme Court's 2015 ruling in <i>Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs v. Inclusive Communities Project, Inc.</i> This rule follows a June 20, 2018, <u>ANPR</u> , which solicited comments on the disparate impact standard set forth in HUD's 2013 final rule. HUD's current rule basically requires the defendant to prove that a practice is necessary to meet a legitimate and legal objective. The proposed rule would replace HUD's current discriminatory effects standard and would establish five key limitations, placing the burden onto the plaintiff in discriminatory impact claims to establish all of the following: (1) the challenged policy or practice is arbitrary, artificial, and unnecessary to achieve a legitimate objective; (2) there is a robust direct causal link between the challenged policy or practice has an adverse effect on members of a protected class; (3) the alleged disparity caused by the policy or practice has an adverse effect on members of a protected class; (4) the alleged disparity caused by the policy or practice is significant; and, (5) there is a direct link between the disparate impact and the complaining party's alleged injury. The proposed rule also discusses three approaches of defense when a disparate impact claim is made based on the use of a "model such as a risk assessment algorithm" including relief from liability if using a model that is an "industry standard," such as the automated underwriting systems of Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac.

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CFPB publishes RFI on plan to assess TRID Rule	Minor	RFI <u>84 FR 64436</u>	Comments due 1/21/20	The CFPB as required by the DFA is conducting its five-year assessment of the 2013 TILA-RESPA Integrated Disclosure (TRID) rule. The RFI seeks feedback on the: costs and benefits of the TRID rule for consumers, lenders and the markets as they relate to mortgage origination; aspects of the rule that are confusing or in need of further guidance; and recommendations for modifying, expanding or eliminating the rule, among other things.
Bureau Issues proposed rule for Information on the Remittance Rule	Moderate	Proposed <u>84 FR 67132</u> <u>12/6/19</u>	Comments due 1/21/20	Following its April 2019 RFI, the CFPB has issued proposed rule changes to its Remittance Rule (Regulation E, Subpart B). The proposal addresses two specific areas of the rule: (1) Transfer providers generally must disclose (both prior to and at the time the consumer pays for the transfer) the actual exchange rate and the amount to be received by the recipient of a remittance transfer. The CFPB proposes changes to the rule to mitigate the effects of the July 21, 2020 expiration of the statutory exception that allows insured institutions, under certain conditions, to disclose estimates to consumers of the exchange rate and covered third-party fees instead of exact amounts. The proposal would adopt a permanent exception that would permit insured institutions to estimate the exchange rate for a remittance transfer to a particular country if, among other things, the designated recipient will receive funds in the country's local currency and the insured institution made 1,000 or fewer remittance transfers in the prior calendar year to that country when the designated recipients received funds in the country's local currency. With respect to covered third-party fees for a remittance transfer to a particular designated recipient's institutions to estimate covered third-party fees for a remittance transfer to a particular designated recipient's institutions to estimate covered third-party fees for a remittance transfer to a particular designated recipient's institution if, among other things, the insured institution made 500 or fewer remittance transfers to that designated recipient's institution in the prior calendar year; and, (2) the CFPB proposes increasing the safe harbor threshold to \leq 500 (currently \leq 100) that determines whether a person makes remittance transfers in the normal course of its business, and whether the rule would apply to such entities making a limited number of remittance transfers to transfers to certain countries to the safe harbor transfers to certain countries is to the safe harbor coun
OCC Issues ANPR to solicit ideas for building a new framework to modernize CRA	Moderate, positive	ANPR <u>83 FR 45053</u> <u>9/5/18</u>	Comment due 11/19/18	The ANPR invites comment on CRA regulation revisions which would theoretically align with the transformation of the banking industry (including removal of interstate branching restrictions and the expanded role of technology) and reduce the complexity, ambiguity, and burden associated with the regulations. The ANPR invites comments on five groups of questions: 1) changing the current approach to performance evaluations; 2) developing metrics to increase the objectivity of performance measures; 3) updating how communities and assessment areas are defined to accommodate banks with different business strategies and allow banks to help meet the needs of underserved communities; 4) broadening the range of qualifying activities to better support the purpose of the CRA; 5) and enhancing recordkeeping and reporting.
OCC, FDIC Propose New Regulatory Framework for CRA	Moderate, positive	Proposed <u>85 FR 1204</u> <u>1/9/20</u>	Comments due 3/9/20	The OCC and FDIC propose regulations that could encourage banks to provide billions more each year in CRA-qualified lending, investment, and services by modernizing the CRA regulations to better achieve the law's underlying statutory purpose of encouraging banks to serve their communities. The proposed rule would strengthen the CRA regulations by (1) clarifying which activities qualify for CRA credit. This would include periodically publishing (expanded to include distressed and underserved areas, and Indian Country) non-exhaustive lists of qualifying activities and a process for banks to confirm qualifying activities; (2) updating where activities count for CRA credit (by establishing non-overlapping "facility-based" and "deposit-based" assessment areas (recognizing the evolution of internet banking); (3) creating a more transparent and objective method for measuring CRA performance (keeping different performance standards for banks of different sizes, measuring both the share of retail lending to low-to-moderate-income individuals and areas, as well as the impact of that activity, and adding a strategic plan option). Small banks (<\$500 million), could continue to be evaluated by the current small bank test or opt in to the new general performance standards; and (4) providing for more transparent, consistent, and timely CRA-related data collection, recordkeeping, and reporting (small banks would be required to collect certain data, but not report it).

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PROPOSED RULES &	GUIDANCE	(not associa	ated with a Fi	nal Rule):
CFPB Issues ANPR to solicit information relating to PACE financing	Moderate, but isolated	Proposed <u>84 FR 8479</u> <u>3/8/19</u>	Comment due 5/7/19	This ANPR is pursuant to EGRRCPA §307 to solicit information relating to residential Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) financing. Specifically, the regulations must carry out the purposes of TILA's ability-to-repay (ATR) requirements, currently in place for residential mortgage loans, with respect to PACE financing, and apply TILA's general civil liability provision for ATR violations for PACE financing. The ANPR solicits information to better understand the PACE financing market and the unique nature of PACE financing specifically as it relates to the following categories: (1) Written materials (current samples) associated with PACE transactions; (2) current standards and practices in the PACE origination process; (3) civil liability under TILA for violations of the ATR requirements in connection with PACE financing, as well as rescission, and borrower delinquency and default; (4) features of PACE financing that make it unique and how they can be addressed; and (5) potential implications of regulating PACE financing under TILA. PACE financing is defined as "financing to cover the costs of home improvements that results in a tax assessment on the real property of the consumer."

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EXPECTED RULES:				
CFPB - ECOA Business Lending Data, Reg B	Major	<u>RFI</u> 82 FR 22318, 5/5/17 <u>RIN: 3170-</u> <u>AA09</u>	Comment period ended 7/14/17 Extended to 9/14/17	As mandated in the DFA will require financial institutions to compile, maintain, and report information concerning credit applications made by women-owned, minority-owned, and small businesses. Such data includes the race, sex, and ethnicity of the principal owners of the business. The CFPB's RFI seeks public comment on, among other things, the types of credit products offered, the types of data currently collected by lenders in this market, and the potential complexity, cost of, and privacy issues related to, small business data collection. From the CFPB's <u>Website</u> regarding its Fall 2018 rulemaking agenda the Bureau reclassified the project from pre-rule status to longer-term action status. The CFPB's Spring 2019 rulemaking agenda once again commences the Section 1071 rulemaking, with January 2020 indicated as the date for pre-rule activity.
CFPB – Notable items in the rule making agenda	TBD	Rule Making Agenda Spring 2019 <u>Reginfo.gov</u> <u>Agency Rule</u> <u>List</u>	Various	Most notably the Bureau makes clear: (1) it intends to recommence work later this year to develop rules to implement section 1071 of the DFA that amended the ECOA to require financial institutions to collect, report, and make public certain information concerning credit applications made by women-owned, minority-owned, and small businesses; and (2) it is currently focusing attention on a regulatory provision (the patch) that extends qualified mortgage status to loans that are eligible to be purchased or guaranteed by either Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac while they operate under Federal conservatorship or receivership. After further analysis on this issue, the Bureau will determine whether rulemaking or other activity is appropriate concerning the patch or other aspects of the ATR/QM rules.
CFPB – Notable items in the rule making agenda	TBD	Rule Making Agenda Fall 2019 <u>Reginfo.gov</u> <u>Agency Rule</u> <u>List</u>	Various	Most notably in the <u>preamble</u> and agenda, the Bureau indicates: (1) it is considering initiating a rulemaking or issuing guidance to address the interplay between Regulation Z and requirements under E-SIGN as it related to credit cards only; (2) it expects to finalize the permanent thresholds for reporting data on open-end lines of credit and closed-end mortgage loans in Spring 2020; (3) in Summer 2020, it will issue proposed rules to govern the collection of HMDA data points and the disclosure of those data, so that the two issues can be considered concurrently; (4) it will issue a proposed rule to address the July 2020 expiration of the remittance rule's temporary exception for insured depository institutions from the rule's disclosure requirements (this has been issued), (5) it expects to take action on a limited extension of the expiration date of the "GSE patch," as the bureau transitions away from the GSE QM loan category; and (6) it expects to issue a final debt collection rule in 2020.



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S. 2155 (Economic Growth, Regulatory Relief, and Consumer Protection Act) Signed into Law by President Trump	Major	Became Public Law No: 115-174 5/24/18	Various/TBD	 The EGRRCPA provides regulatory changes with provisions and implications that will require further regulatory action. Title sections expected to deliver the greatest impact to banks and credit unions (Fis) are listed below. This is not all inclusive and will be updated as information is made available by regulatory agencies. Regulations are required to give effect to all sections, unless otherwise specified: Title I Sec. 101 amends TILA to allow FIs with assets below a specified threshold to forgo certain ability-to-pay (ATR) requirements for residential mortgage loans (provisions will apply). Title I Sec. 101 amends TILA to allow FIs with assets below a specified threshold to forgo certain ability-to-pay (ATR) requirements for residential mortgage loans (provisions will apply). Title I Sec. 104 amends HMDA to exempt from certain public disclosure requirements FIs that originate fewer than 500 closed-end mortgages or open-end lines of credit. On July S, 2018 the agencies issued an OCC Builetin 2018-19, FDIC FIL-36-2018, and a Bureau statement addressing section 104: LAR format for 2018 and 2019 data regulatorization codes when applicable; bureau is working on revised filing instructions; agencies work require 2018 and 2019 data resubmission unless data errors are material; and agencies don't plan to assess penalties for errors in 2018 data, being more focused on diagnosing problems instead. On September 7, 2018 and interpretive and procedural rule was issued to clarify and implement the new HMDA exemptions. See more detail in the HMDA section below. Title I Sec. 108 EXENTLY EIMMEDIATELY - amends the FCUA to allow a CU to extend a member business loan on a 1-4 family dwelling, regardless of whether it is the member's primary residence. Title I Sec. 108 exempts certain escrow requirements for a residential mortgage loan held by an FI that has assets of <<510 billion, originated <=1,000 mortgages in the preceding year, and meets other specified require