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Sara Weed is an attorney in the Fintech & Payment Systems practice of Paul Hastings and is based in the firm's Atlanta office. She represents financial institutions and other financial services providers in regulatory and transactional matters. She has extensive experience in financial regulation from her previous role as Director and Counsel with the North Carolina Office of the Commissioner of Banks, overseeing supervision of non-depository mortgage lenders and brokers, money service businesses, and consumer finance companies. Prior to her government service, Ms. Weed served as in-house counsel to the financial services group at IBM and as a policy counsel with a national financial services research organization.

Accolades and Recognitions

Financial Times Innovative Lawyers Award North America 2018 Shortlist –
Standout Ranking in "Access to New Markets and Capital" Category

Speaking Engagements and Publications

- "Oranges, Whiskey, and Digital Assets: The SEC's Inquiry into the Economic Reality of Crypto," Blockchain, Crypto, and the Law, Wake Forest School of Law, Charlotte, North Carolina (April 2019)
- "CANNabis Banking Work? The Legalization of Marijuana and Marijuana Banking," UNC Festival of Legal Learning, UNC School of Law, Chapel Hill, North Carolina (February 2019)
- "Case Studies in Entrepreneurship and Intrapreneurship," Fearless in Fintech Conference, New York City, New York (December 2018)
- "The Fight Against Financial Crimes and its Effect on the Chief Compliance Officer," Atlanta CAMS Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia (Spring 2016)
- "Navigating the NC SAFE Act: Mortgage Licensing in the Post-Crisis Era," UNC Law Festival of Legal Learning, Chapel Hill, North Carolina (February 2015)
- "A Discussion of Mortgage Servicers and their Role in Foreclosure," North Carolina Judicial College, UNC School of Government, Chapel Hill, North

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Practice Areas

Corporate
Real Estate Finance
Financial Services Litigation
Government Affairs
Fintech and Payments
Financial Services
Privacy and Cybersecurity
Bank Regulatory

Admissions

Georgia Bar
North Carolina Bar

Education

East Carolina University, B.S.
2005
University of North Carolina,
School of Law, J.D. 2008

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Carolina(December 2014)

- "Redressing Consumer Losses in Money Transmitter Failure," Money Transmitter Regulatory Association Annual Conference, Phoenix, Arizona (September 2013)
- "Secure Transactions: Restoring Our Communities Through Responsible Lending," ABA Journal of Affordable Housing, Vol. 19:1 (Fall 2009) (with Diane Standaert)

Professional and Community Involvement

- Board Member, Action for Children North Carolina
- Board Member, NC Child
- Volunteer, Pro Bono Partnership of Atlanta

Education

- University of North Carolina School of Law, J.D., 2008
- East Carolina University, B.S.P. (summa cum laude), 2005

News

January 29, 2019

Tech Startup Divvy Primed for Customer Growth in 2019

June 25, 2018

Coinbase Champions Legislative Fix to Keep Cryptocurrency Businesses in N.C.

Insights

December 02, 2019

Federal Regulators Propose Madden Fix

October 02, 2019

CFPB FinTech Regulatory Innovation Initiatives Echo International Regimes

May 01, 2019

Can Cannabis Banking Work? Growing Interest in a Federal Safe Harbor

October 19, 2017

CFPB Payday Rule: A Ban or a Blueprint for the Future of Short-Term Consumer Lending?

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June 15, 2017

Safe at First—U.S. Supreme Court Confirms that Purchasers of Debt Are Collecting Their Own Debt and Are Not Subject to the FDCPA as They Are Not Collecting a Debt Owed to Another

February 23, 2017

The New York State Industrial Appeals Board Invalidates Controversial Regulations Governing Methods of Wage Payment

August 10, 2016

Are You Ready to Comply with the CFPB's Final Amended Mortgage Servicing Rules?

June 14, 2016

CFPB Proposes New Rule Targeting Small Dollar Loans, Relies on UDAAP Rulemaking Authority for First Time