



AGENDA

2025 Auto Finance Seminar

Driving Ahead: Auto Finance Insights from Industry Leaders

April 30 - May 1, 2025

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151 North Franklin Street | Suite 2500 | Chicago, IL

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

6:30 pm – 8:30 pm **Welcome Dinner**
RPM Italian

THURSDAY, MAY 1

8:30 am – 9:00 am **Seminar Check-In & Breakfast**
Town Hall Foyer

9:00 am – 9:05 am **Welcome**
Town Hall Room

[Brian McGrath](#), Partner and Consumer Financial Services Co-Practice Group Leader, Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP, New York

9:05 am – 10:20 am **Plenary Session #1 – Regulatory Reverse: What to Expect in 2025 and Beyond**
Town Hall Room

Speakers:

[Lauren Campisi](#), Partner, Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP, New Orleans

[Dustin Alonzo](#), Partner, Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP, New Orleans

[Michael Guerrero](#), Partner, Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP, Los Angeles

[Vaishali Rao](#), Partner, Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP, Chicago

This session will cover the impact of change in administration, recent federal & state enforcement landscape, and regulatory priorities & trends.

10:20 am – 10:35 am

Networking Break
Town Hall Foyer

10:35 am – 11:30 am

Plenary Session #2 – State of the Industry
Town Hall Room

Speakers:

[William Nolan](#), Senior Managing Director, Co-Leader of Financial Services, FTI Consulting, Charlotte
[Tanya Meerovich](#), Senior Managing Director, FTI Consulting, New York

This session will cover the latest economic performance and projections of the automotive finance industry.

11:30 am – 12:30 pm

Lunch and Lunch Session
Privacy, Information Sharing, & Connected Cars
Town Hall Room

Speaker:

[Cathy Mulrow-Peattie](#), Partner, Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP, New York

This session will address the state of the law on federal and state privacy, information sharing, and artificial intelligence impacting the automotive finance industry.

12:30 pm – 1:00 pm

Networking Break
Town Hall Foyer

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Plenary Session #3 – When the Music Stops: Lien Priority, Default, Recovery and Repossession
Town Hall Room

Speakers:

[Lauren Campisi](#), Partner, Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP, New Orleans
[Dustin Alonzo](#), Partner, Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP, New Orleans
[Stewart Spielman](#), Partner, Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP, Baton Rouge
[Stephen Strohschein](#), Partner, Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP, Baton Rouge

This session will address practical realities when navigating perfection, enforcement and release of liens securing commercial and consumer credit agreements and will provide recommendations for mitigating potential risks.

2:00 pm – 2:15 pm

Networking Break
Town Hall Foyer

2:15 pm – 3:15 pm

Concurrent Session #1A: Commercial – Lender v. Lender: It's Not Personal, It's Business
Relationships Room

Speakers:

[Stewart Spielman](#), Partner, Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP, Baton Rouge
[Connie Mayer](#), Partner, Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP, Chicago

This session will provide recommendations for navigating disputes among commercial creditors.

2:15 pm – 3:15 pm

Concurrent Session #1B: Consumer – States in the Spotlight: The Latest Licensing & State Law Updates
Town Hall Room

Speakers:

[Bonnie Dye](#), Partner, Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP, New Orleans
[Adair Kingsmill](#), Associate, Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP, New Orleans

This session will discuss recent licensing and state law updates specific to the auto finance industry.

3:15 pm – 4:00 pm

Concurrent Session #2A: Commercial – Mitigating Risks in Times of Change

Relationships Room

Speakers:

[Stephen Strohschein](#), Partner, Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP, Baton Rouge

[Kim Gage](#), Senior Partner, Cooksey, Toolen, Gage, Duffy & Woog, Costa Mesa

This session will provide practical recommendations for mitigating risks to commercial automotive finance portfolios based on decades of experience advising clients through business cycles, administration changes, and macroeconomic swings.

3:15 pm – 4:00 pm

Concurrent Session #2B: Consumer – SCRA and MLA Updates and Recommendations

Town Hall Room

Speakers:

[Brian Turetsky](#), Partner, Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP, New York

[Akeela White](#), Partner, Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP, Chicago

This session will discuss recent case law developments and enforcement actions impacting the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act and Military Lending Act and will provide recommendations for mitigating risk.

4:00 pm – 4:15 pm

Networking Break

Town Hall Foyer

4:15 pm – 5:00 pm

Concurrent Session #3A: Commercial – Cross-Border Insolvency Concerns

Relationships Room

Speakers:

[Stephen Strohschein](#), Partner, Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP, Baton Rouge

[Kim Gage](#), Senior Partner, Cooksey, Toolen, Gage, Duffy & Woog, Costa Mesa

This session will discuss the challenges confronting automotive lenders when dealing with cross-border insolvencies.

4:15 pm – 5:00 pm

Concurrent Session #3B: Consumer – The Latest Litigation Trends and Developments Impacting Auto Finance

Town Hall Room

Speakers:

[David Schultz](#), Partner, Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP, Chicago

[Gregg Stevens](#), Partner, Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP, Dallas

[Brian Paino](#), Partner, Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP, Los Angeles

This session will cover the latest litigation trends and developments impacting the automotive finance industry.

5:00 pm

Happy Hour Reception

Town Hall Foyer