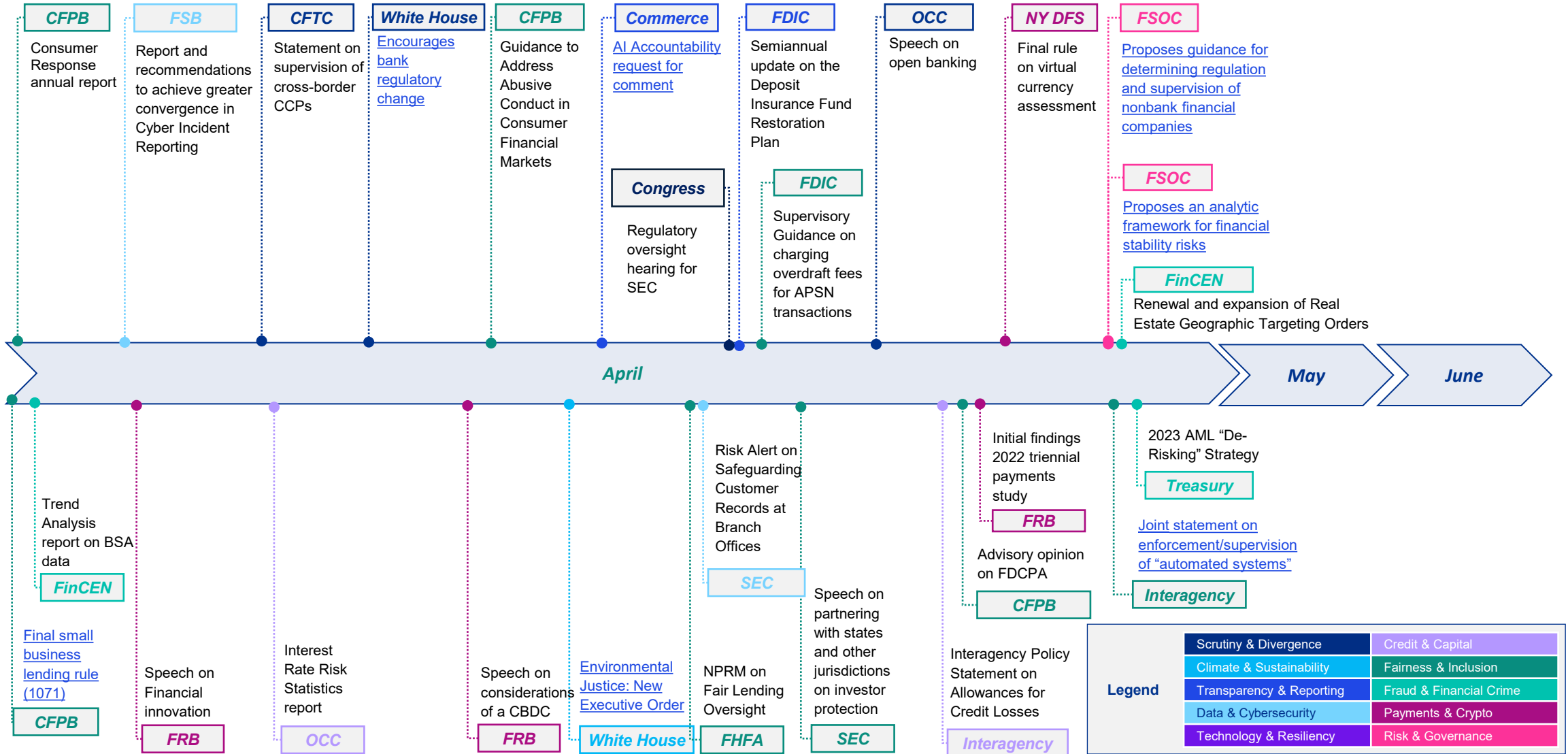




Regulatory Recap

April 2023 at a glance

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Legend	Scrutiny & Divergence	Credit & Capital
	Climate & Sustainability	Fairness & Inclusion
	Transparency & Reporting	Fraud & Financial Crime
	Data & Cybersecurity	Payments & Crypto
	Technology & Resiliency	Risk & Governance





CFPB Small Business Lending Data (Section 1071)



The CFPB has issued its final small business lending rule, which amends Regulation B to implement changes to the Equal Credit Opportunity Act (ECOA) made by Section 1071 of the Dodd-Frank Act. Consistent with Section 1071, the rule requires covered financial institutions to collect and report to CFPB data on applications for credit for small businesses, including those that are owned by women or minorities. Compliance to be required beginning October 2024 and will be phased-in based on numbers of covered credit transactions originated.

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- The final rule subjects small business lending to additional supervision under other historically “consumer” laws and regulations. Heightened risk and compliance areas include:
- Data (accuracy, privacy, security)
 - Fair lending and community development
 - UDAAP
 - KYC/AML
 - Operational procedures/training
 - Disclosures
 - Models and Technology (systems upgrades, constraints, reporting)

Bank Regulatory Change



- The Administration issued a statement encouraging the federal banking agencies, in consultation with the Department of the Treasury, to act under their existing authorities to:
- Reinstate rules for banks with between \$100 and \$250 billion in total assets (generally referred to as Category IV institutions) that had been in place prior to rulemakings adopted in 2019 to “tailor” application of enhanced prudential standards (EPS) and capital, liquidity, and resolution planning requirements. (See KPMG Regulatory Alerts, [here](#) and [here](#).)
 - Strengthen supervisory oversight by:
 - Shortening the transition period between when institutions meet the large bank total asset threshold (e.g., \$100 billion) and when they are required to meet requirements.
 - Conducting stress testing and using other available tools.
 - Proceed with efforts to expand long-term-debt (LTD) requirements to a larger number of institutions (i.e., non-global systemically important banking organizations (non-GSIBs)), preliminarily directed at institutions with total assets between \$250 and \$700 billion. (See KPMG Regulatory Alert on the relevant ANPR, [here](#).)

Ensuring Trust in AI: Commerce Department Request for Comment



The Department of Commerce issued a request for comment (RFC) on artificial intelligence (AI) accountability measures and policies with a focus on how to provide “reliable evidence to external stakeholders—that is, to provide assurance—that AI systems are legal, effective, ethical, safe, and otherwise trustworthy.” The comments, along with other public engagement, will be used to draft and issue a report on AI accountability policy development, focusing particularly on the “AI assurance ecosystem”.

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- Companies utilizing AI, including generative AI, should consider during the design, use, and deployment of AI: safety and effectiveness; protections against, and ongoing testing for, bias; data governance and privacy; transparency; and accountability and oversight.
- Regulators will use existing regulations (e.g., UDAP, data privacy/safeguards) as they enhance scrutiny over the development and use of AI across all industries, with continued heightened focus on consumer protections, false advertising, data governance, and bias.

Environmental Justice: New Executive Order



- The White House issued an Environmental Justice Executive Order (EO), “Revitalizing Our Nation’s Commitment to Environmental Justice for All”, which reinforces and builds on previous EOs and “makes clear that the pursuit of environmental justice is a duty of all executive branch agencies and should be incorporated into their missions.” The White House highlighted the following key provisions of the EO that:
- Direct agencies to 1) consider measures to address and prevent “disproportionate and adverse” environmental and health impacts on communities, 2) actively facilitate “meaningful public participation” and just treatment of all people in agency decision-making, 3) identify and address gaps in science, data, and research related to environmental justice, 4) advance the analysis of cumulative impacts, and 5) make information on environmental and health concerns more publicly accessible.
 - Affirm environmental justice as central to the implementation of civil rights and environmental laws.
 - Establish a new environmental justice executive office and subcommittee, as well as agency assessment and reporting requirements and performance scorecards.



Financial Stability, Nonbank Supervision: FSOC Proposals



The Financial Stability Oversight Council (FSOC) proposed:

- An analytic framework for financial stability risks, outlining how FSOC would 1) identify, 2) assess, and 3) respond to potential financial stability risks (independent of whether those risks arise from activities, firms, or otherwise), with the goal of reducing the risk of “shocks” arising from within the financial system, improving resilience against shocks that could affect the financial system, and mitigating financial vulnerabilities that may increase risks to financial stability.
- Guidance for determining (or “designating”) whether to subject nonbank financial companies to supervision and prudential standards by the Federal Reserve Board (FRB).

Enforcement/Supervision to “Automated Systems”



The CFPB, Department of Justice Civil Rights Division (DOJ), Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), and Federal Trade Commission (FTC) jointly released a statement reiterating their “resolve to monitor the development and use of automated systems” and to “vigorously use their collective authorities to protect individuals’ rights regardless of whether legal violations occur through traditional means or advanced technologies.”

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- Anticipate enforcement and supervision related to algorithms, AI, and innovative technologies (under existing laws and regulations).
- Expect a “whole of government” approach (across multiple agencies) to include consumer and employee laws and regulations.
- Strengthen risk management and governance in light of regulatory enforcement and supervisory focus on “fairness”, including potential disparate impacts/outcomes and/or model bias.

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