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The new US financial industry reform law has far-reaching implications for how financial services firms are supervised and regulated. Numerous regulatory changes, including the creation of a Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and other new regulatory bodies, expanded regulatory powers for existing agencies, and stricter regulation of derivatives and other financial instruments will impact the way financial services firms do business. Additional measures such as limits on bank trading activities and mechanisms to identify and address systemic risk will further change how the industry operates. The new law's full impact will be unclear for some time, as regulatory agencies move forward with the rulemaking and implementation process.

NERA Economic Consulting has assembled an unparalleled team of expert economists with experience in government (including the Federal Reserve Board, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Federal Trade Commission, and the President's Council of Economic Advisers) and the financial services industry (including Barclays, Banque Paribas, Morgan Stanley, and CS First Boston). Each member of our team brings an outstanding set of skills, experience, and expertise to bear on the challenges raised by regulatory changes and the other critical issues facing the financial services sector today.

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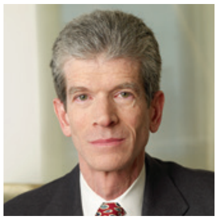

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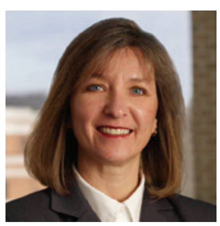

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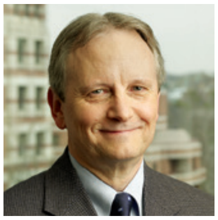

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