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- regulatory compliance
- capitalization
- securitization
- syndications
- leasing
- payment systems

Our team has proven expertise in providing advice to the financial services industry in a range of areas, including:

- capitalization, financing, formation and operation of credit unions and cooperative associations
- account agreement design and operations advice
- privacy law
- risk management and litigation support
- IT procurement and service contracts
- payment systems, card products, CPA Rules and regulatory compliance
- taxation, including patronage dividend planning and tax-deferred regimes for cooperative shares
- governance

We work closely with professionals in related specialties to offer seamless, efficient service. This includes:

- tax
- mergers and acquisitions
- banking
- capital markets
- competition
- insurance
- employment
- litigation

Experience

- Coast Capital Savings Federal Credit Union regarding a $1.5 billion syndicated loan lead by CIBC, guaranteed by the Government of Canada. This loan was issued for financing the continuous activities of Coast Capital as a newly federal credit union.
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