

Robert R. Bench

Robert R. Bench has been involved in financial regulation and supervision for 43 years. He served with the U.S. Treasury's Office of the Comptroller of Currency ("OCC") for 22 years as a National Bank supervisor and with PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP ("PWC") for 16 years as PWC's managing partner of its Regulatory Advisory Services Practice. In 'retirement', Mr. Bench has served as an advisor to the Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation, Chairman of the Steering Committee of the Financial Services Forum in Toronto, and as a member of the Governing Council of the Centre for the Study of Financial Innovation("CSFI") in London.

At OCC, Mr. Bench was commissioned a National Bank Examiner by Treasury Secretary Kennedy. He served as Associate Deputy Comptroller of the Currency and as the Assistant Chief National Bank Examiner of the United States during the Carter Administration and as Deputy Comptroller of Currency during the Reagan Administration. While at OCC, Mr. Bench served: on OCC's Management Committee, on the Committee on Bank Supervision at the Bank For International Settlements in Basel, as co-chair of the Expert Banking Group at the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development ("OECD") in Paris, as Chairman of the Interagency Country Review Committee, as OCC's executive liaison with the international regulatory community, and as OCC's lead executive during the debt crisis among less developed countries.

At PWC, Mr. Bench formed PWC's global regulatory advisory practice, advising US and foreign banks, as well as central banks and multilateral institutions. He served on the Federal Savings and Loan Advisory Council at the Federal Home Loan Bank during the Savings and Loan Crisis and as an advisor to problem institutions during the east coast regional bank crisis. During the Asian liquidity crisis, Mr. Bench was an advisor to the central banks of Malaysia, Indonesia, and Korea. He then led a World Bank project at the People's Bank of China to modernize its bank regulation and supervision capacities.

During 2008, Mr. Bench was a strategy advisor to the Morin Center for Banking and Financial Law at the Boston University School of Law. That strategy calls for the Morin Center to dimension its research and publication activities as well as broaden and deepen its involvement with the financial services community, especially in light of the developing reform of financial services law, regulation and prudential supervision.

Mr. Bench holds a B.S.B.A. from the School of Management at Boston University and an M.P.A. from Harvard University.