



Best Law Firms publishes "true lender" article by Catherine Brennan and Latif Zaman

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In the *U.S. News & World Report and Best Lawyers Best Law Firms 2021* publication, Catherine Brennan and Latif Zaman provide an overview of true lender standards in light of the recent Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) proposed True Lender Rule and a recent settlement between the Colorado Attorney General and two fintech lenders. The CO settlement, which effectively describes a "safe harbor" for conducting a bank partnership lending program in the state, is significant in that it could provide a model for other states going forward.

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