



Hudson Cook Partner Eric Johnson elected president, Thomas Buiteweg as treasurer, of the Conference on Consumer Finance Law Governing Committee

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On September 30, The Conference on Consumer Finance Law (CCFL) elected Hudson Cook Partner Eric Johnson as president of the Governing Committee. Partner Thomas ("Tom") Buiteweg was re-elected for a second three-year term as treasurer.

Eric was elected to CCFL's Governing Committee in 2011 and previously served for six years as vice president of membership. He is a partner in Hudson Cook's Oklahoma office and chairs the firm's marketing committee. Eric assists national and state banks, savings associations, credit unions, mortgage bankers, other licensed lenders, motor vehicles dealers and automotive finance companies in the development and maintenance of nationwide consumer mortgage and automobile finance programs, online motor vehicle sales programs, litigation funding programs and electronic payment programs. He is listed in the 2022 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America®* in the practice areas of Banking and Finance Law, Commercial Litigation, Financial Services Regulation Law and Litigation-Banking & Finance. Eric serves as chair to the Legal Committee for the National Automotive Finance Association and is a co-founder and co-instructor of their Consumer Credit Compliance Certification Program. He is a Fellow of the American College of Consumer Financial Services Lawyers, a professional association of lawyers particularly skilled and experienced in handling consumer financial services matters and dedicated to the improvement and enhancement of the skill and practice of consumer financial services law and the ethics of the profession.

Tom was elected to CCFL's Governing Committee in 2005. He also serves as treasurer of the Uniform Law Commission (ULC), chair of its Technology Committee, and a member of its Uniform Commercial Code and Emerging Technologies Drafting Committee. Tom is active in several rapidly evolving areas of the law affecting the financial services market, including those involving virtual currencies, highly automated vehicles, block chain and distributed ledger technologies and smart contracts. Tom is a partner in Hudson Cook's Michigan office and co-chairs the firm's Automotive and Personal Property Finance and Leasing practice group. He helps financial institutions, sales finance companies, motor vehicle dealers and manufacturers to establish and maintain motor vehicle and personal property financing and leasing programs. Tom is also an Adjunct Professor at the University of Michigan Law School where he teaches a course in sales and secured financing that focuses on dealer and consumer motor vehicle sales and financing. He is a member of the American College of Consumer Financial Services Lawyers and the American Law Institute. He is also a fellow of American College of Commercial Finance Lawyers and the American Bar Foundation.

CCFL is a non-profit organization founded in 1926 by members of the legal profession and the financial services industry to offer educational services, publications and research relating to consumer financial services law. The Governing Committee of members establishes policies and directs the activities of the CCFL. In addition to Eric and Tom, Hudson Cook attorneys Catherine Brennan, Patty Covington, Anne Fortney (Ex-Officio), Tom Hudson (Emeritus), Nikki Munro and Jean Noonan are members of the Governing Committee.

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