

Partner Kate Fisher joins panel at FTC Forum on Small Business Financing

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The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) will host a forum on small business financing on May 8 to examine trends and consumer protection issues in this marketplace, including the recent proliferation of online loans and alternative financing products.

Hudson Cook Partner <u>Kate Fisher</u> will participate on the panel entitled, "Case Study on Merchant Cash Advances" at 9:45 am. According to the event website, the panel will take a closer examination of the merchant cash advance industry and the unique consumer protection issues raised by these products. It will be moderated by Jason Adler and Courtney Estep from the FTC Division of Financial Practices.

Kate is a partner in the Hanover, MD office and co-chairs the firm's Business Funding Group. She represents banks, finance companies, private equity and investment bank investors, merchant cash advance companies, and small business lenders in establishing new programs and products, and conducting due diligence and compliance reviews of consumer lending and business financing portfolios.

The forum, which is free and open to the public, will be held at the Constitution Center, 400 7th St., SW, Washington, D.C. It will be webcast live on the FTC's website. A full schedule and other details on the forum will be announced shortly. No pre-registration is needed. For more information, <u>visit the FTC</u> website.

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