

Partner Michael Benoit provides post-election thoughts on the future of financial services legislation and regulation for Auto Finance News

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In the December issue of *Auto Finance News*, Hudson Cook Chairman <u>Michael Benoit</u> shares his ideas on how the new Democrat-controlled House will affect future legislation in the financial services sector. According to Michael, all indicators point to bipartisan support for converting the Bureau of Consumer Financial protection (BCFP) to a commission, with both sides recognizing the value of a stable and relatively predictable BCFP. But a divides Congress does not bode well for new financial services legislation.

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