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**Chief Counsel Julie L. Williams Provides Historical Perspective
On Issues Facing the National Banking System**

WASHINGTON-- Julie L. Williams, First Senior Deputy Comptroller and Chief Counsel, delivered the attached [speech](#) today to the OCC Alumni Association.

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The OCC charters, regulates and examines approximately 2,200 national banks and 52 federal branches of foreign banks in the U.S., accounting for more than 55 percent of the nation's banking assets. Its mission is to ensure a safe and sound and competitive national banking system that supports the citizens, communities and economy of the United States.