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DODD-FRANK'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY: MANDATORY RULEMAKING PROVISIONS STILL PENDING

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This week marked the 10th anniversary of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, which was signed into law on July 21, 2020. At various virtual events celebrating the milestone, including a webinar co-sponsored by advocacy group Better Markets and George Washington University Law School's Business and Finance Law Program, creators Chris Dodd and Barney Frank, as well as former President Barack Obama, Elizabeth Warren and Maxine Waters, among others, shared their insights and memories, as well as views on the Dodd-Frank Act's role in strengthening banks, which arguably helped them withstand the COVID-19 storm.

The SEC website page on implementing the Dodd-Frank Act shows that to date, the SEC has adopted final rules for 67 mandatory rulemaking provisions of the Dodd-Frank Act. Here is what remains outstanding:

- Executive Compensation: 4 proposed
 - Section 953(a): Pay vs. performance disclosure (proposed rules issued April 29, 2015 that continue to be characterized as a Long-Term Action on SEC's recently released Spring 2020 Reg-Flex Agenda)
 - Section 954: Recovery of executive compensation (proposed rules issued July 1, 2015 and listed in the short term "proposed rule stage" of the Spring 2020 Reg-Flex Agenda)
 - Section 956(a): Compensation structure reporting at certain financial institutions (jointly proposed rules issued May 6, 2016 that continue to be characterized as a Long-Term Action on SEC's recently released Spring 2020 Reg-Flex Agenda)
 - Section 956(b): Prohibition on certain compensation arrangements at certain financial institutions (jointly proposed rules issued May 6, 2016 that continue to be characterized as a Long-Term Action on SEC's recently released Spring 2020 Reg-Flex Agenda)
- Security-based Swaps: 8 proposed, including relating to data collection, fraud and conflicts of interest

- Asset-backed Securities: 1 proposed relating to conflicts of interest regarding securitizations
- Other: 1 proposed, 4 remaining, including relating to loan or borrowing of securities, stress tests and short-sale reform

Whether we will see any additional progress on the remaining Dodd-Frank Act SEC rules during the current administration remains to be seen. Efforts of the administration to reduce regulatory burdens on businesses suggests that additional rulemaking, especially in this area, may not be a priority.

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