



Welcome to our Seventeenth Annual Conference!

As I hope you're aware, the FiSCA Conference and Exposition is the only annual event that brings the entire financial services industry together under one roof. It is a conference focused exclusively on your business and the issues, trends, events and regulatory changes that can affect it.

This is your opportunity to begin or renew strong business relationships with your peers, learn more about what's new in our industry, how the regulatory climate is changing, how FiSCA is reacting, and, of course, enjoy all the marvels that the Big Apple has to offer. I sincerely hope you will take advantage of our time together to do all of the above and then some.

This issue of *Currents* is devoted to giving you a complete view of Conference proceedings at a glance. We have a broad range of informative workshops this year — everything from Bank Secrecy Act Compliance and Identity Fraud to Dealing with Stress through General Nutrition! I also believe our speaker lineup may be the strongest and most dynamic we have ever offered.

We're proud to have Thomas H. Kean, the former Governor of New Jersey and Chairman of the 9-11 Commission, as our keynote speaker at our Sunday luncheon this year. Tom is widely recognized as the foremost authority on what needs to be done to keep our country safe from terrorism. Don't miss this informative talk as well as our outstanding lineup of other distinguished speakers.

In addition, a highlight of this year's Conference will be a Banker's Roundtable during the General Session on Saturday. Be sure to listen to what these friends of the industry have to say about their relationships with check cashers and MSBs. On Monday morning, William J. Fox, Director, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) will be the guest speaker at the breakfast in the Broadway Ballroom. His speech will set the stage for the first-ever Bank-MSB Forum to be held on Monday afternoon, following the Conference. FiSCA will host the event and Mr. Fox will join a panel of distinguished regulators, bankers and MSBs. All Conference attendees are welcome to attend the freewheeling, wide-open discussion.

Of course, there's a lighter side to our time together as well. This year, you can take advantage of a free Sunday night in the City. Not sure where to go? Take a look at FiSCA's Big Apple Guide on page 36—it's loaded with lots of last minute ideas.

Enjoy!

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