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# Bank M&A Deal Tracker: Activity Expected to Pick Up in Back Half of 2025

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James Stevens, a co-leader of Troutman Pepper Locke's Financial Services Industry Group, was quoted in the July 10, 2025 *S&P Global Market Intelligence* article, "[Bank M&A Deal Tracker: Activity Expected to Pick Up in Back Half of 2025](#)."

"We've seen a number of M&A transactions, and my thought is that we will see that continue for the rest of the year," James Stevens, bank M&A legal adviser and partner at Troutman Pepper Locke LLP, said in an interview. But "it seems a little bit of a fragile sense of certainty that could change any time with the volatile nature of the administration."

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