

Speaking Engagements | June 10, 2024 | 5:05 AM - 6:05 AM ET

## Georgia Bankers Association 2024 Annual Meeting

### SPEAKERS

[James W. Stevens](#)

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**Monday, June 10 • 9:05 – 10:05 a.m. ET**

Troutman Pepper partner James Stevens spoke at the annual Georgia Bankers Association meeting alongside Jonathan Hightower, a partner at Fenimore Kay Harrison. Their discussion focused on how, after a challenging year in 2023, many banks are seeking opportunities to regain forward momentum. During the session, James and Jonathan explored various growth opportunities for banks, including the resurgence of community bank mergers and acquisitions, strategies for nontraditional deposit growth, compensation and retention tactics, and leadership succession planning. Additionally, they addressed ways to mitigate emerging risks amidst heightened expectations from regulators and other stakeholders.

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