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Housing Department's Redlining Retreat Grants Mortgage Lenders a Reprieve

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Lori Sommerfield, a partner in Troutman Pepper Locke's Consumer Financial Services Practice Group, was quoted in the September 26, 2025 *Bloomberg* article, "[Housing Department's Redlining Retreat Grants Mortgage Lenders a Reprieve](#)."

Lori Sommerfield, a partner at Troutman Pepper Locke in Washington who specializes in helping financial firms deal with regulators on fair housing and lending issues, said it was unlikely banks would change their behavior, despite HUD's shift.

"Any bank would be foolhardy to think that they now have a free ticket to engage in redlining," she said. "If there was an administration change to a Democratic administration, one would assume that redlining investigation and enforcement actions would be back on the front burner."

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