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[James W. Stevens](#), a co-leader of Troutman Pepper Locke's [Financial Services](#) Practice Group, was quoted in the September 25, 2026, *Reuters* article, "[US Fed Plans to Raise Bank Oversight Thresholds, Sources Say](#)."

"We would expect this to unlock M&A activity among mid-cap and regional banks that have been in a holding pattern," said James W. Stevens, partner at law firm Troutman Pepper Locke, adding bank boards would be able to assess deals on merit "rather than on the regulatory math."

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