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Year in Review and Look Ahead Announcement

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In this episode of *The Consumer Finance Podcast*, host Chris Willis is joined by Consumer Financial Services Practice Group leadership Michael Lacy and Simon Fleischmann to preview the firm's annual *Consumer Financial Services Year in Review and Look Ahead* publication. They describe how the publication provides concise summaries of the past year's key trends, cases, and regulatory developments — along with informed predictions for 2026 and beyond — across areas such as consumer class actions, bankruptcy, credit reporting, digital assets, mass arbitration, mortgage and auto finance, payment processing, and privacy and data security. They also introduce an upcoming companion podcast series featuring several of the publication's section authors.

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