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## SIFMA Municipal Bank Loans and Direct Placements Seminar.

**October 25, 2016 | 12:30 PM – 6:00 PM**
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Recently, there has been an increase in state and local governments turning to banks as a source of debt finance – instead of using a traditional public markets debt offering. However, with limited legal and regulatory guidance, this trend has raised important questions about transparency, regulation and whether bond investors have access to all the information they need to assess risks.

The lack of guidance compels each financial firm to establish its own standards for legal and accounting purposes. Regulators have begun to focus on the issue of municipal bank loans, but key questions remain unanswered. The scarcity of legal and regulatory guidance on this topic has led to fundamental changes in our industry.

During this event, our speakers will discuss the legal, regulatory, accounting and compliance questions that have arisen from this uncertainty including:

- What is the effect of the convergence on the public and private debt markets?
- Should accounting treatment of a debt instrument determine how it is treated for regulatory purposes?
- What are the regulatory implications of treating a debt instrument as a loan or security?
- What can we expect from regulators on these questions in the future?

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