



Partner Catherine Brennan comments on New York State suit to block OCC fintech charter applications

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On September 14, *Law360* reported that New York State Department of Financial Services' Superintendent Maria T. Vullo has filed suit in federal court challenging the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency's (OCC) authority to issue fintech charters. Partner [Catherine Brennan](#) commented that Vullo's claim that the OCC lacks authority to grant charters to non-depository institutions is "not wholly accurate." "The OCC is able to issue charters for trust banks and credit-card banks . . . I don't see why a special-purpose charter wouldn't be appropriate," Catherine explained.

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