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# Randall Guynn in the Top 10 Individuals Category of the US Innovative Lawyers 2013 Report



## Randall Guynn

**Partner and head of the financial institutions group, Davis Polk & Wardwell**

Few lawyers have the opportunity to effect change at a global systemic level in the way Randall Guynn has. Widely recognised as a leader on financial regulatory reform, Mr Guynn recently played a central role in developing the single-point-of-entry method for solving the too-big-to-fail problem for leading financial institutions. The solution is an important step towards a safer and more efficient global financial system.

In 1987, he developed a legal argument that allowed Congress to give retroactive effect to the Trust Indenture Reform Act 1990. And, in 1993, Mr Guynn made proposals for modernising laws governing cross-border collateral arrangements that were later reflected in US and EU law.

When it became clear the US banking system was heading for a crisis in 2007, he says, “I knew absolutely nothing about bank failures and felt horribly unprepared.” He researched extensively and, by 2008, was able to take a leading role advising on the failures that followed.

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