COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT ACT THRESHOLDS

The federal banking agencies have recently amended their Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) regulations to adjust the asset-size thresholds used to define “small bank” or “small savings association” and “intermediate small bank” or “intermediate small savings association.” As required by the CRA regulations, the adjustment to the threshold amount is based on the annual percentage change in the Consumer Price Index.

Effective January 1, 2019, banks that as of December 31 of either of the prior two calendar years, had assets of less than $1.284 billion are “small banks.” Small banks with assets of at least $321 million as of December 31 of both of the two prior calendar years and less than $1.284 billion as of December 31 of either of the two prior calendar years are “intermediate small banks.” The asset-size thresholds for “small savings associations” and “intermediate small savings associations” are identical to those set forth above for “small banks” and “intermediate small banks.”