



Mutual Alert

New Jersey District Court Vacates Key Parts of its Ruling In Connection with Spencer Savings Bank SLA Conversion; Dismisses All Counts of a Separate Complaint by Seidman to enjoin Spencer Lobbying Against Bill To Impose Member Voting On Savings Banks

Yesterday, Passaic County New Jersey District Court Judge Frank Covello granted, in part, a motion by defendant Spencer Savings Bank SLA for reconsideration of his July 31 2020 decision in *Seidman and Wein v Spencer Savings Bank e.t al.* That decision concerned the issuance by Judge Covello of a TRO against Spencer's conversion from a New Jersey savings association to a mutual savings bank. In his decision Judge Covello vacated those parts of his earlier opinion requiring any conversion to a mutual saving bank be subject to the appointment of independent regulatory counsel and awarding attorney fees to plaintiff Seidman. In a separate action, *Seidman v Spencer Savings Bank SLA.*, to: enjoin Spencer from lobbying against a Seidman supported mutual savings bank voting Bill; enjoin Spencer indemnification of Board members and rule Spencer in breach of its duty to mail his nomination materials, the court dismissed Seidman's complaint on all counts. This is a significant victory for Spencer and the New Jersey DOBI Commissioner who upheld the requirements of New Jersey's member communication laws.

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