

# Ensuring our Clients and Our Institution ***Succeed Boldly***

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How Our Clients *Succeed Boldly*

# Nationwide “Branchless” Tech Enabled Litigation & Payment Processing Verticals

***Generating Industry Leading Growth, Returns, & Performance Metrics***



## Litigation Vertical

Commercial Banking Nationally

- ▶ Decades of expertise in the national litigation market which is complex, fragmented, underserved and poised for disruption
- ▶ Asset sensitive model anchored by law firm loans yielding approx. 9.10%
- ▶ “Branchless” and tech enabled core deposit platform funded at 0.99% (1.00% in 4Q '25)
- ▶ Driving loan and deposit growth with a 5 Year CAGR of approximately 20% since 2021



## Payment Processing Vertical (Merchant Services)

Small Business Banking Nationally

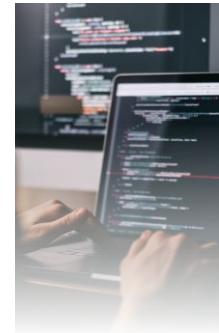
- ▶ Decades of expertise in sales, risk, and compliance management
- ▶ Independent Sales Organization (“ISO”) model with 93,000 merchants nationally
- ▶ Stable and consistent fee income represents 17% (16% in 4Q '25) of total revenue



## Industry Leading Returns

Fueled by “Branchless” and Tech Enabled National Verticals

- ▶ ROA and ROTCE of 2.43% and 19.41%, respectively (2.36% and 18.90% in 4Q '25)
- ▶ Industry leading NIM of 6.02% (6.05% in 4Q '25)
- ▶ Diversified revenue stream with strong NIM and stable fee income
- ▶ Strong efficiency ratio of 48.6% (48.4% in 4Q '25) while investing in resources (employees, technology, and digital marketing) for future growth



## Technology – the Future

A Catalyst for Strong Growth

- ▶ A digital-first disruptor bank with best-in-class technology fueling future growth and industry leading client retention rates
- ▶ Account-based digital marketing (“ABM”) from our CRM to power prospective client engagements nationally
- ▶ Leveraged artificial intelligence (“AI”), advanced data analytics, and personalization features to deliver real-time thought leadership content

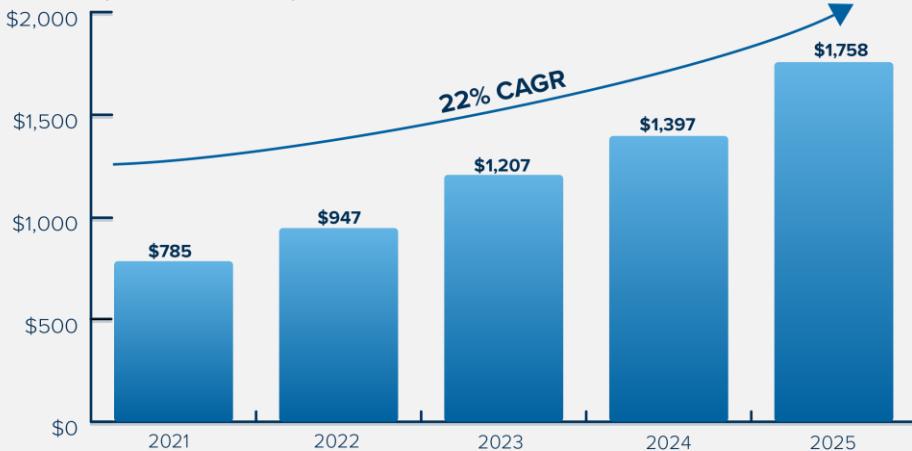


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# Strong Growth Driven by Unique National Verticals

at December 31, 2025

**Loans, net of deferred fees  
(\$ in millions)**



**Total Deposits  
(\$ in millions)**



## Key Highlights

- Strong growth in higher yielding variable rate commercial loans nationally
- Stable low-cost “branchless” and tech enabled deposit model
- Equity to Assets of 12.24%
- Common Equity Tier 1 of 14.18% (Bank Level)
- Book value per share of \$33.86

**Stockholders Equity  
(\$ in millions)**

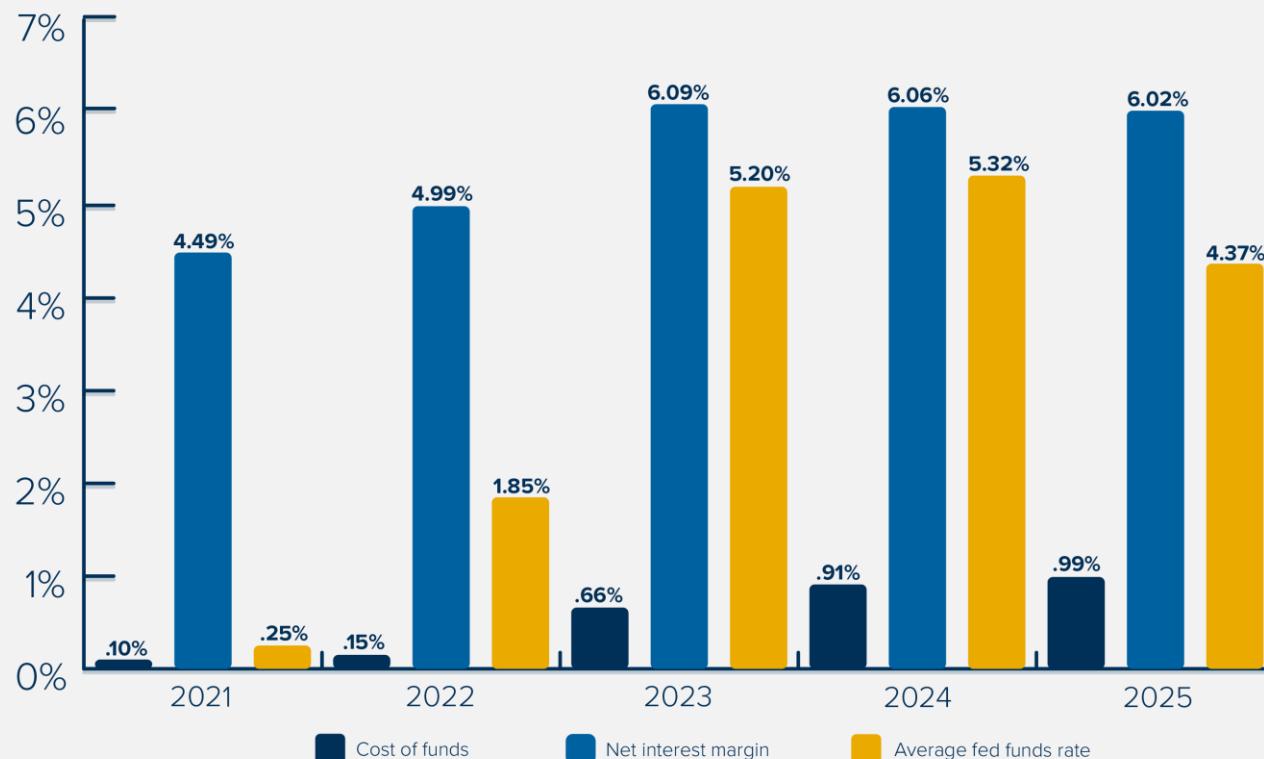




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## Industry Leading Net Interest Margin

- Stable low-cost “branchless” funding model with a strong commercial deposit franchise nationally
- DDA and escrow-based NOW/IOLTA accounts represent 28% and 60% of total deposits at December 31, 2025, respectively
- Higher yielding variable rate commercial loans anchored by our national litigation portfolio
- Asset sensitive balance sheet with approximately 90% of our variable rate commercial loans having one-year interest rate floors at their origination or renewal dates

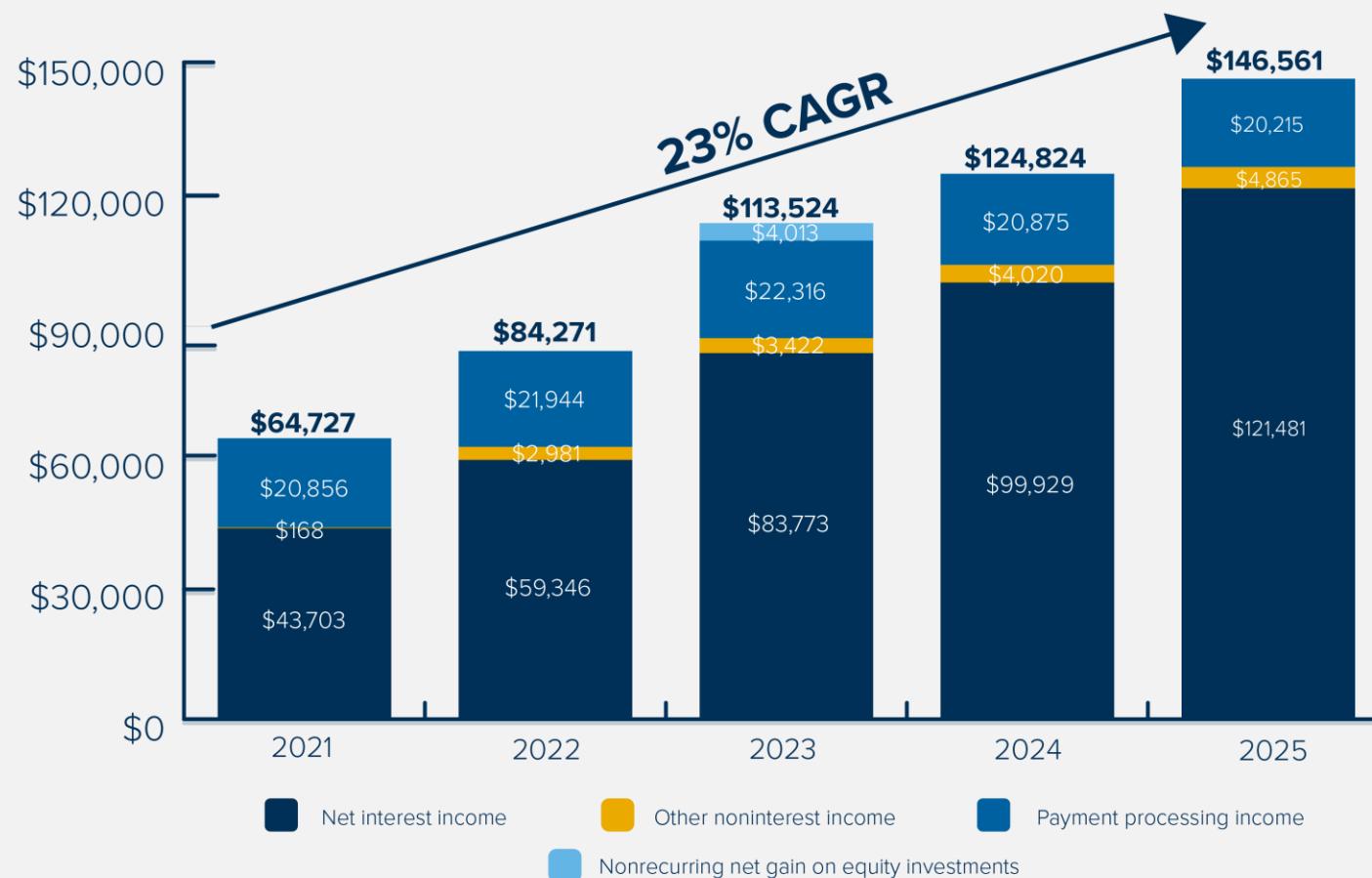




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# Strong Revenue Growth

(\$ in thousands) at December 31, 2025



## Key Highlights

- Strong net interest margin
- Stable payment processing fee income
- Growing ASP fee income derived from off-balance sheet funds management

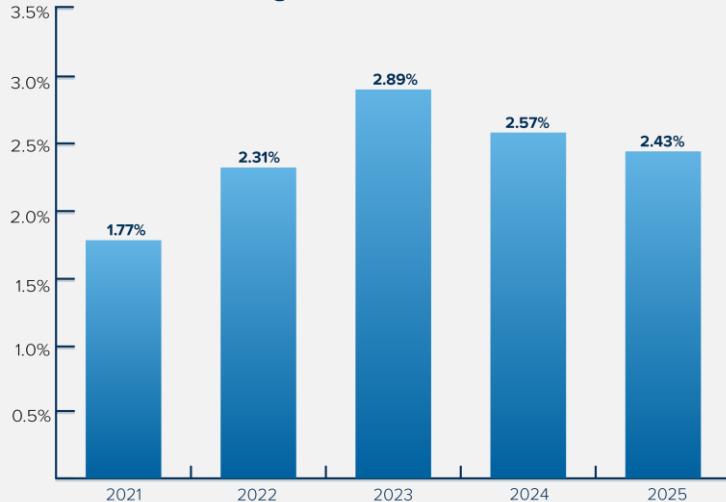


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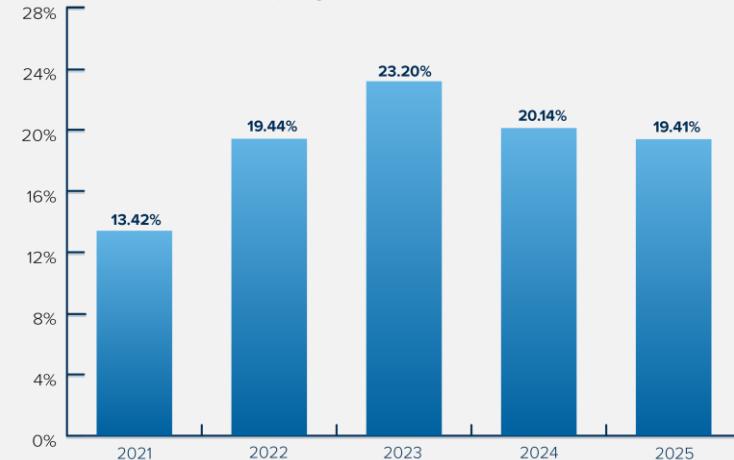
# Financial Highlights

## at December 31, 2025

Return on Average Assets



Return on Average Stockholders' Equity



## Industry Recognition & Awards

- Named to the Piper Sandler 2025 Bank & Thrift Sm-All Stars for the third time in several years
- Named to Fortune's Annual 100 Fastest-Growing Companies List in 2024
- Named to the KBW 2024 & 2025 Bank Honor Roll
- Awarded the 2024 Raymond James Community Bankers Cup for the seventh consecutive year
- Recognized as a Best Performing Small Community Bank of 2024 by S&P Global
- Recognized as Best In Class Marketer by the Association of National Advertisers B2 Awards in 2025 for the third consecutive year

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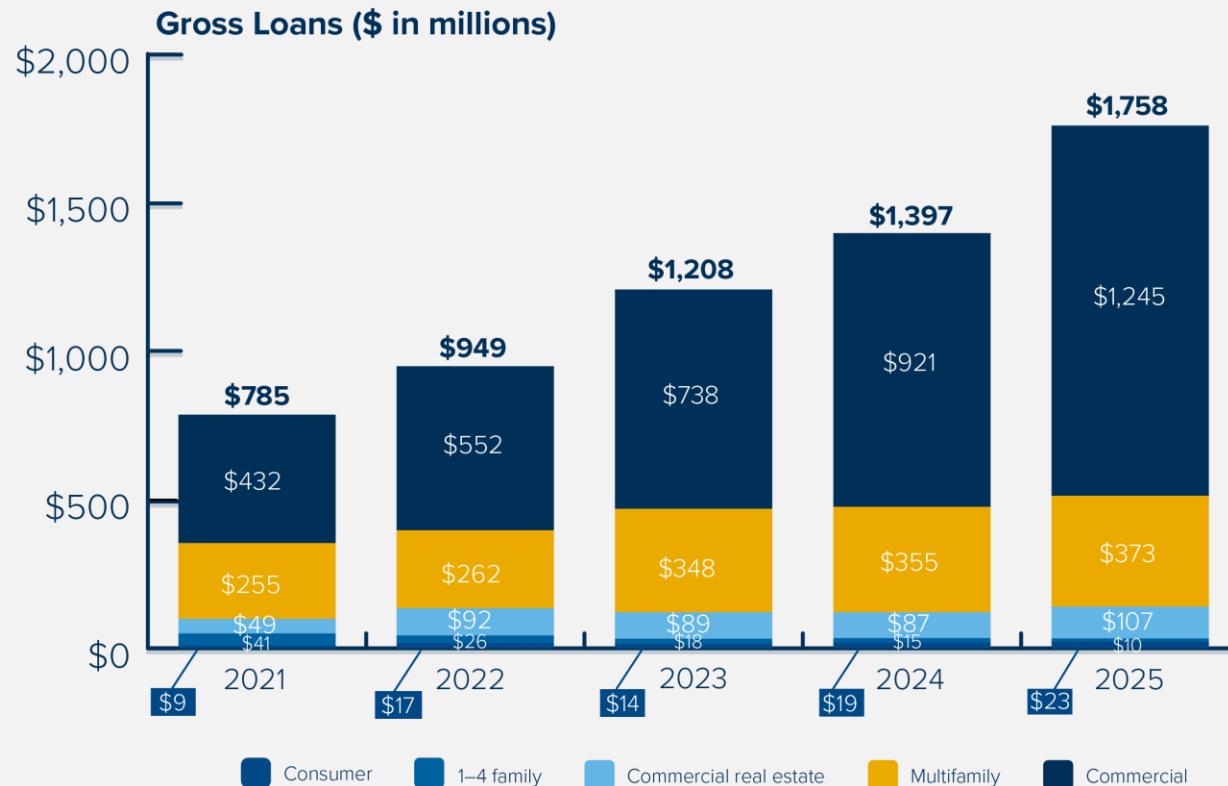


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# Loan Portfolio Diversification with Focused Growth

at December 31, 2025

- ▶ Focused growth in higher yielding variable rate commercial loans with strong credit metrics on a national basis
- ▶ Selective multifamily loan growth with strong historical performance, DSCRs, and LTVs in the NY metro market



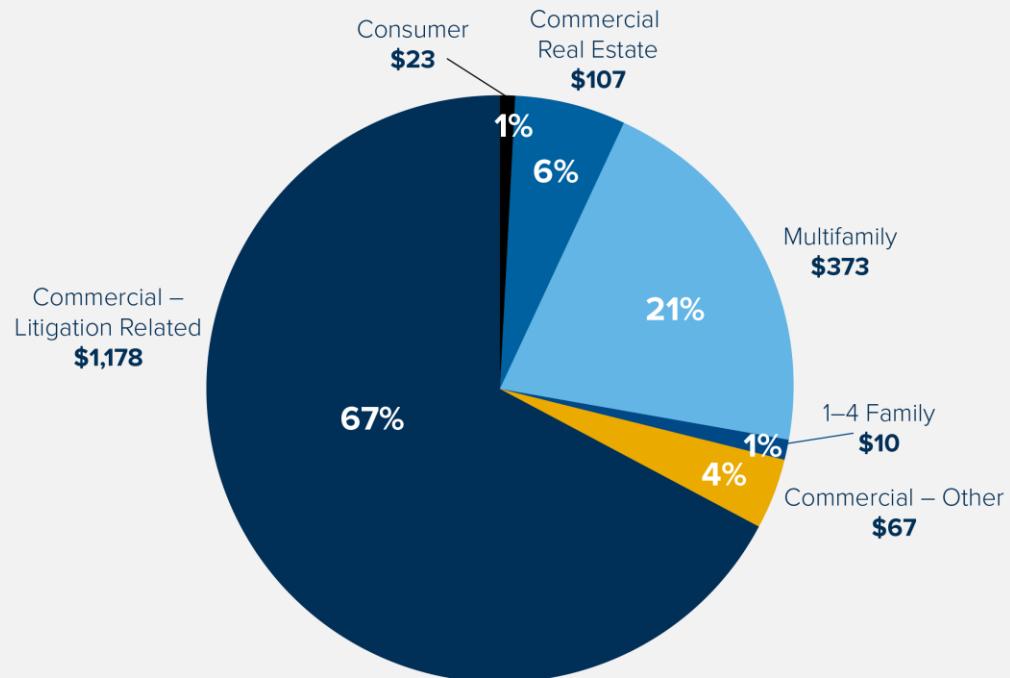


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# Loan Portfolio Diversification with Focused Growth

- Substantially all of our \$1.25 billion in commercial loans are variable rate and tied to prime comprising approximately 71% of our loan portfolio
- Approximately 90% of our variable rate commercial loan portfolio was originated (or renewed annually) with interest rate floors in place
- Asset sensitive – estimated sensitivity of projected annualized net interest income (“NII”) down 100 and 200 basis point rate scenarios decreases projected NII by 5.7% and 11.8%, respectively at September 30, 2025

## Loan Portfolio Diversification – \$1.76 Billion at December 31, 2025 (\$ in millions)



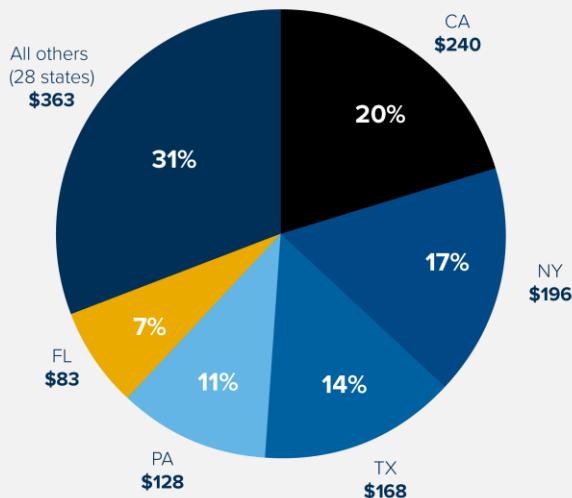


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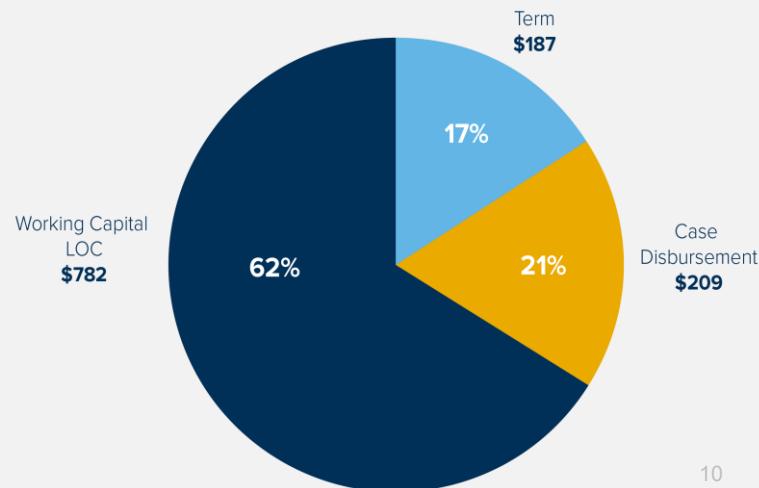
# Commercial Litigation (Law Firm) Loans

- ▶ Full annual underwriting including, but not limited to:
- ▶ 3 years financials and tax returns (business and personal)
- ▶ Full contingent case inventory valuation process & collateral assignment or UCC-1
- ▶ Personal guarantees for the majority of loans, including personal background checks
- ▶ Diversity across law firm inventories and collateral
- ▶ **Average loan-to-collateral fee value or LTV of less than 15%**
- ▶ **Strong average DSCR (on average > 4.0x)**
- ▶ Average draws against committed and uncommitted line-of-credit ("LOC") and case disbursement loans of approximately 50%
- ▶ **Weighted average interest rate of approximately 9.10%**
- ▶ Funded with low-cost contingent law firm litigation deposits
- ▶ **Litigation deposits to litigation loan facilities drawn is approximately 135%**

**Law Firm Loan Portfolio by State – \$1.18 Billion at December 31, 2025 (\$ in millions)**



**Breakdown of Law Firm Related Loans – \$1.18 Billion at December 31, 2025 (\$ in millions)**





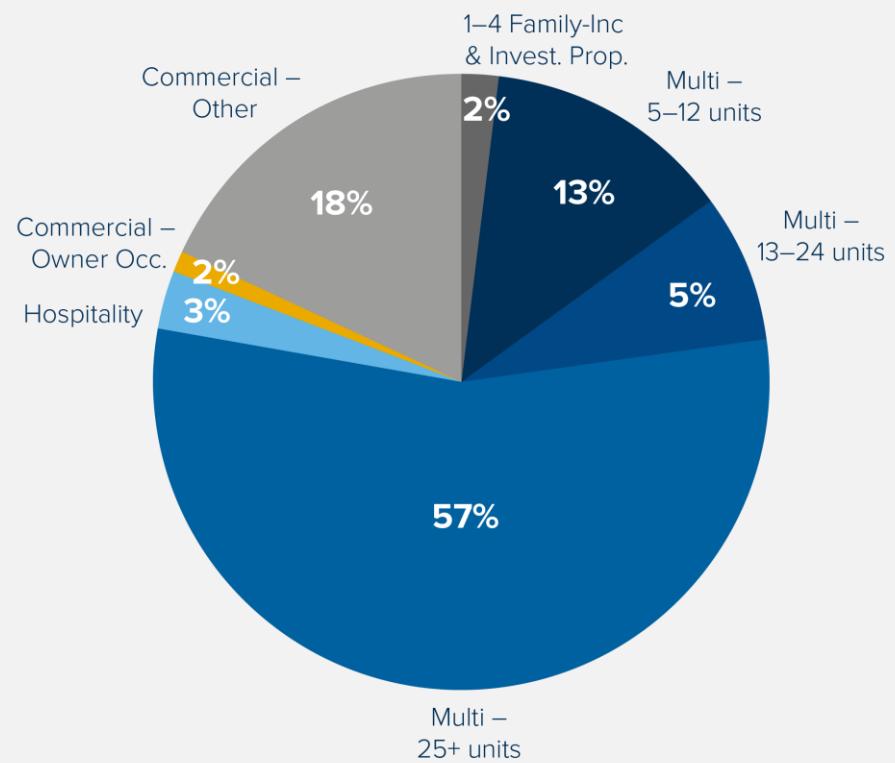
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# New York Metro Area Real Estate

## A Reliable Asset Class & Liquidity Source

- ▶ Selective in our property and borrower selection process
- ▶ Strong generational owners/operators with high quality net worth
- ▶ No office or construction loan exposure
- ▶ Multifamily and CRE portfolio average current DSCR and original LTV of 1.6x and 55%, respectively
  - ▶ \$49 million with below current market rates maturing in less than one year with average current DSCR and original LTV of 1.3x and 67%, respectively
  - ▶ \$48 million with below current market rates maturing between one and two years with average current DSCR and original LTV of 1.4x and 67%, respectively
- ▶ Rent regulated, free market, and mixed (both rent regulated and free market) represent approximately one-third each of the \$373 million multifamily loan portfolio
- ▶ CRE exposure is 165% of Bank level regulatory Tier 1 capital plus the allowance for credit losses ("ACL"). CRE exposure is 149% of consolidated level regulatory Tier 1 capital plus the ACL
- ▶ Pledged Multifamily and Residential loan portfolio **provides liquidity totaling \$219.8 million** through the Federal Home Loan Bank of NY ("FHLB") program as of December 31, 2025

## Real Estate Portfolio – \$490 Million at December 31, 2025

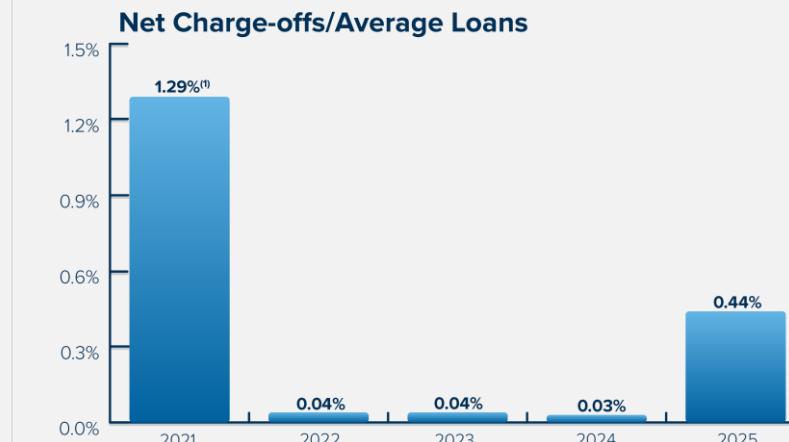
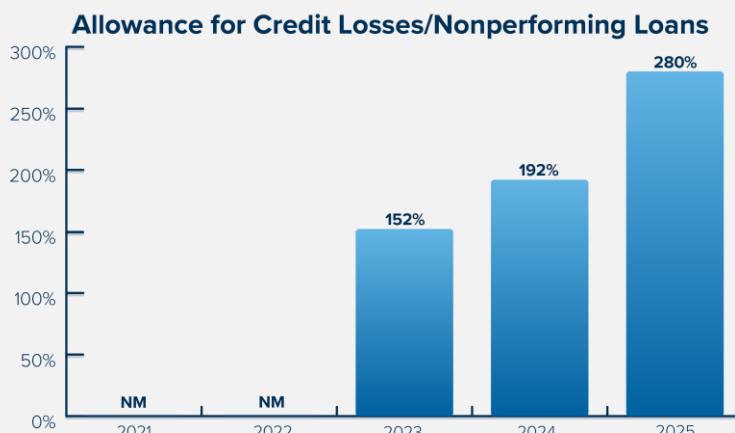
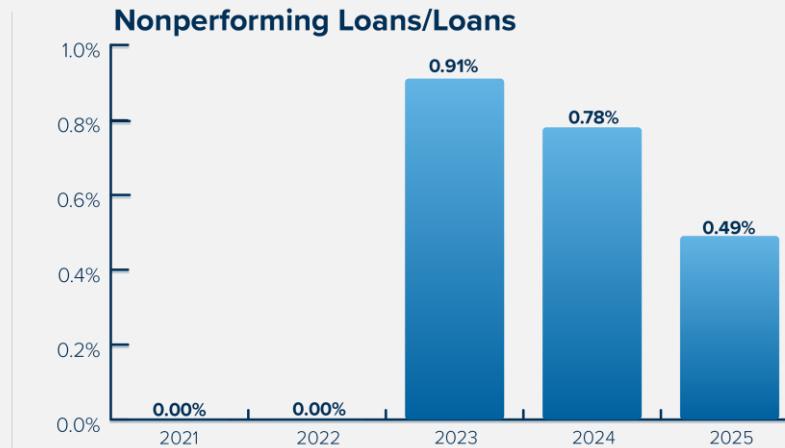
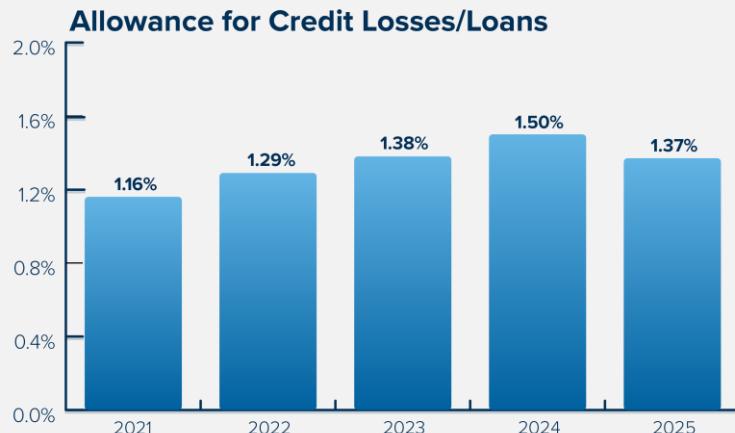




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# Solid Credit Metrics, Asset Quality and ACL Coverage

at December 31, 2025



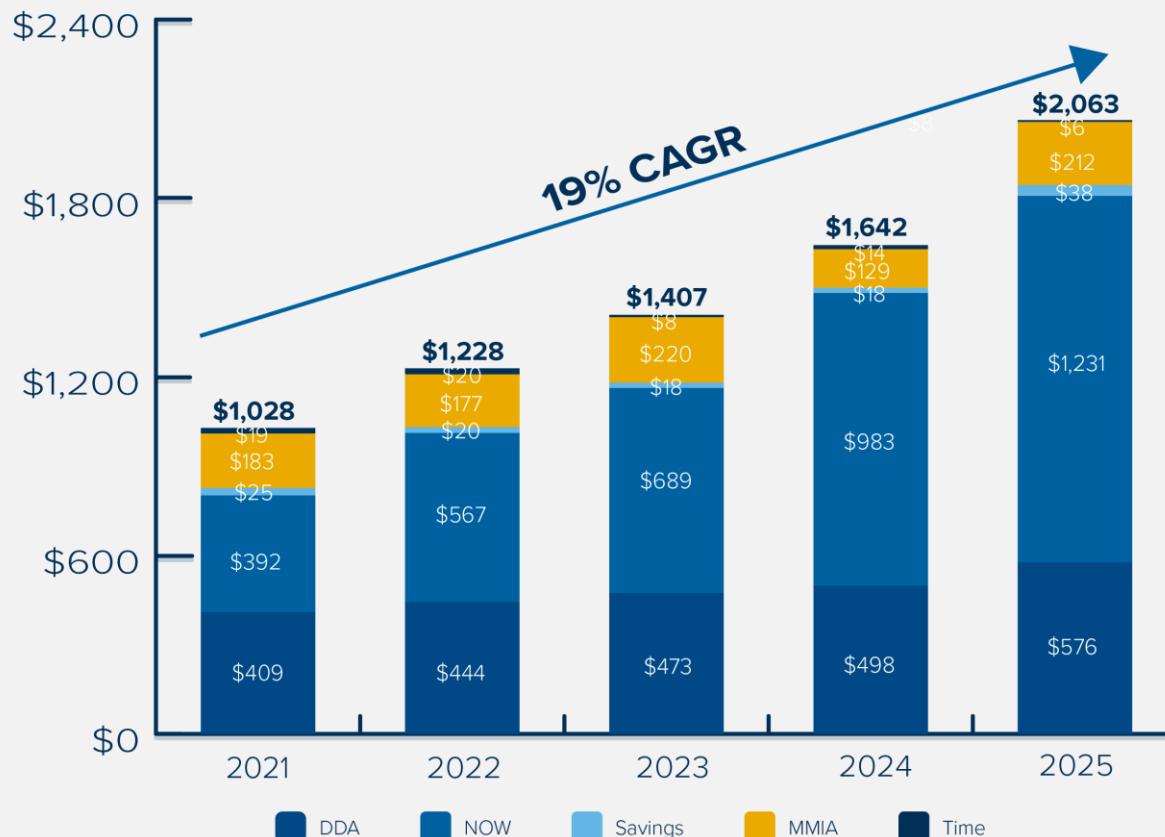


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# Deposit Composition and Growth

(\$ in millions) at December 31, 2025

- Our tech enabled deposit platform utilizes our corporate cash management suite of services, creating a highly efficient “branchless” platform
- Our overall liquidity position (cash, borrowing capacity, and available reciprocal client sweep balances) totaled \$1.22 billion, or 59% of total deposits, creating a highly liquid and unlevered balance sheet



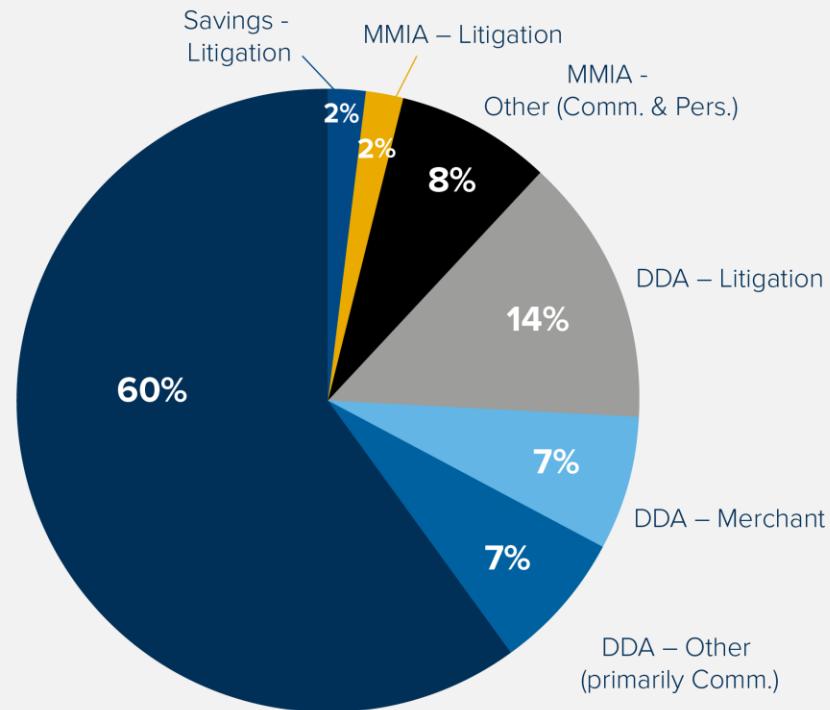


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## Deposit Composition Details

- DDA and NOW (escrow funds) deposits total 88% of total deposits, representing stable funding sources in various interest rate scenarios
- Litigation and payment processing deposits represent 78% and 7% of total deposits at December 31, 2025, respectively
- Uninsured deposits (excluding \$12.1 million of the Company's deposits) totaled \$685 million, or 33%, of total deposits with approximately 75% representing clients with full relationship banking including, but not limited to, law firm operating accounts, certain balances of escrow accounts, merchant reserves, ISO reserves, ACH processing, and custodial accounts
- Off-balance sheet sweep funds totaled \$737 million at December 31, 2025, with \$449 million, or 61%, available for additional on-balance sheet liquidity

### Deposit Composition at December 31, 2025



\*Note: Excludes sweeps totaling \$737 million



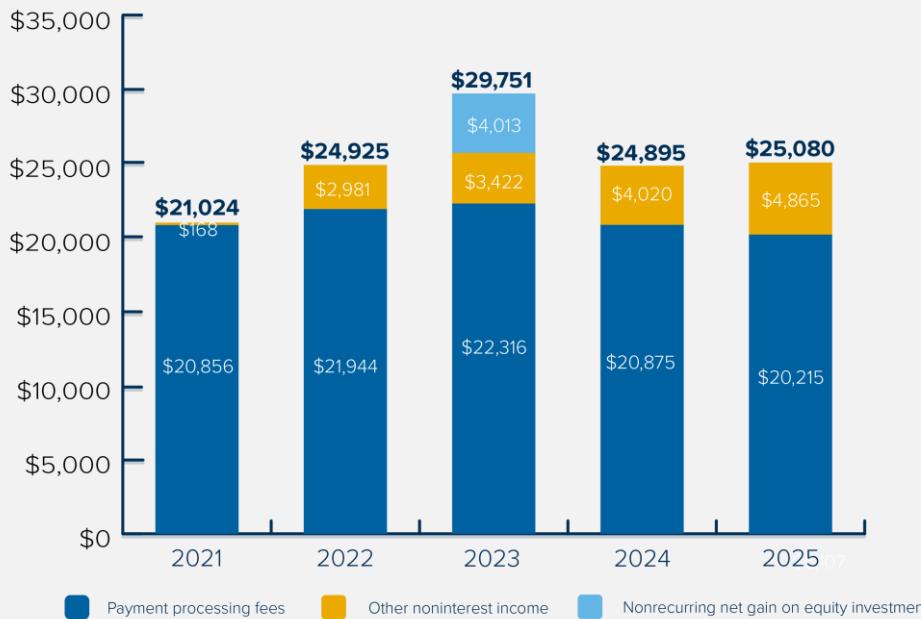
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# Stable & Consistent Noninterest Income

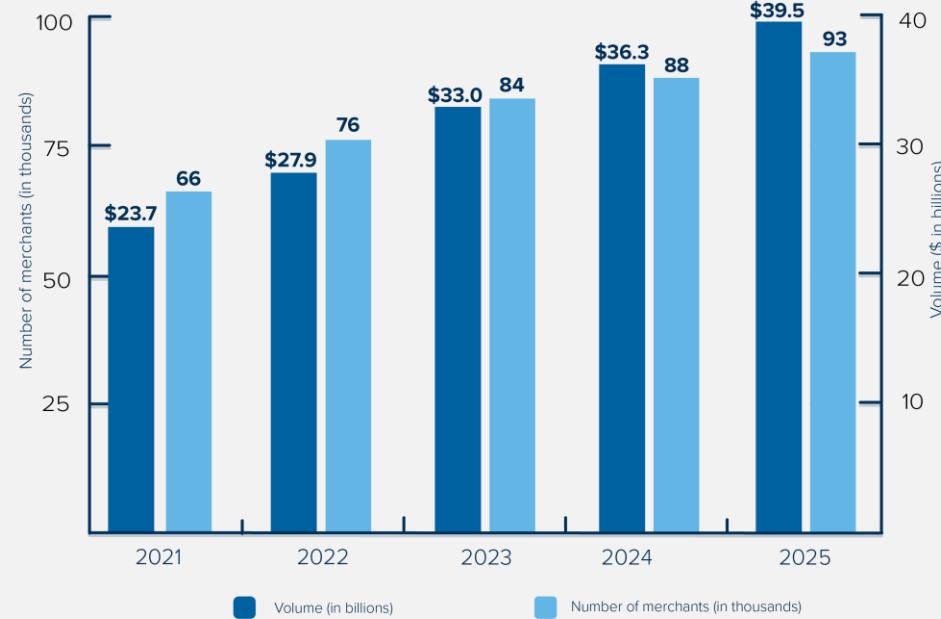
## at December 31, 2025

- Currently servicing 93,000 merchants across 50 states in our payment processing (merchant acquiring) vertical
- Fee income, primarily payment processing fees, represents 17% of total revenue for the year ended December 31, 2025

**Noninterest Income**  
(\$ in thousands)



**Payment Processing Volumes & Number of Merchants**

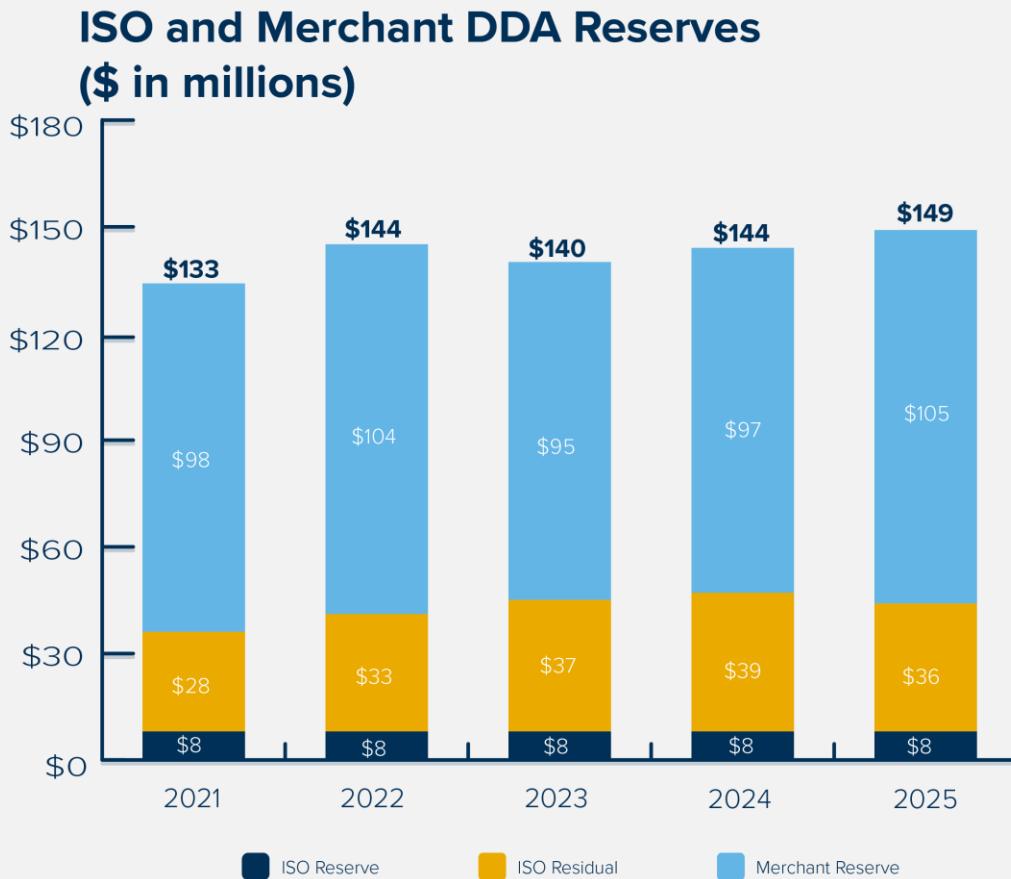




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# Protecting Our Company with Strong Payment Processing Reserves

at December 31, 2025



## Key Highlights

- Strong and stable DDA reserves
- Protecting capital from merchant chargebacks and returns



### Key Takeaways

## Why Esquire is Set to *Succeed Boldly*

Significant national markets primed for disruption: **\$529 billion & 100,000+ firms** in the litigation vertical and **\$11.7 trillion and 10+ million merchants** in the payment processing vertical

We are **thought leaders** in the litigation vertical and provide **C-suite access for ISO flexibility** in the payment processing vertical



**Tremendous untapped potential:** Esquire's current market share is a **fraction** of both national verticals that are complex, fragmented, underserved and poised for disruption by our client-centric & tech-focused institution

Differentiated and positioned for growth: **With industry leading tailored products and state-of-the-art technology** geared towards effective client acquisition



Technology Driving **Bold Success**

# Client Centric Technology

## A Key Driver for Future Growth

### Artificial Intelligence\*

**Website**  **zoominfo**  **Google Analytics**

**Marketing**  **Marketing Cloud**  **zoominfo**  **geopointe** by ascentcloud

**Sales**   **zoominfo**  **geopointe** by ascentcloud

**Underwriting**  **ncino**  
**Online Banking**  **Q2**

**Onboarding**  **fiserv.**  **TSYS**

AI to facilitate precision marketing and exponential customer acquisition across all verticals

Website analytics, data enrichment and thought leadership content marketing

Precision marketing – right offer right time

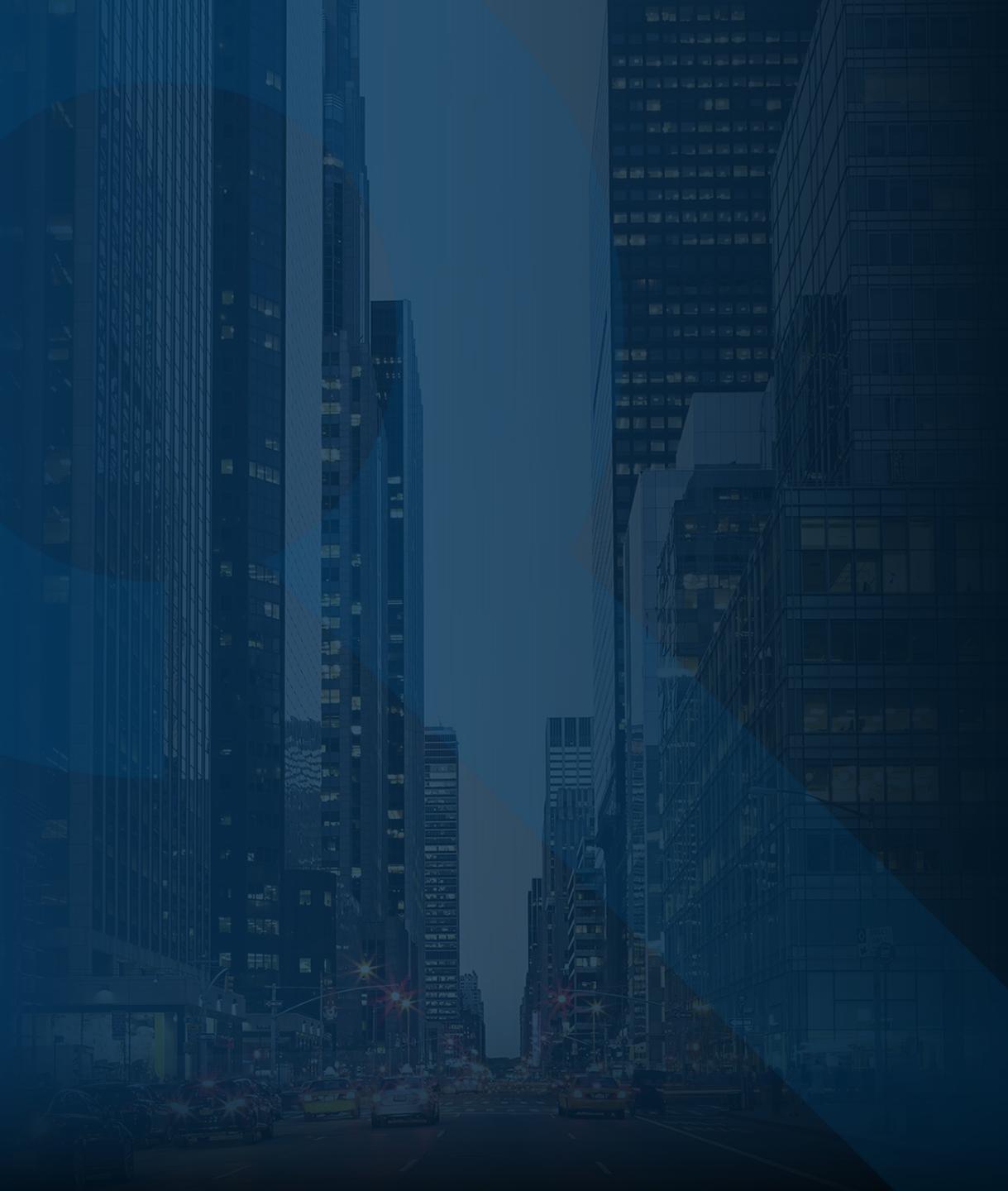
Sales enablement, pipeline management and forecasting

Underwriting efficiency & risk management / cash management and mobile banking / online applications

Customer onboarding / core banking

- Partnering with best-in-class software vendors and solutions, with custom development to service all verticals at the bank
- Proprietary CRM built on Salesforce platform housing all client data touch points from prospect to boarding with a single client view, enabling high volume client acquisition strategies and excellence in client service

\* Deployment of AI technologies applicable only to sales and marketing processes and not used as a decisioning tool for loan underwriting processes.



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## **Appendix & Supplemental Disclosure**

**National Markets – Litigation &  
Payment Processing Verticals  
&  
Non-GAAP Reconciliation**



**Esquire's Bold Opportunities**



# U.S. Litigation Market A Significant Growth Opportunity

- U.S. Tort actions are estimated to consume 2.1% of U.S. GDP\* annually or \$529 billion\*
- Esquire does not compete with non-bank finance companies
- Significant barriers to entry – management expertise, brand awareness, regulatory/compliance, and decades of experience

## Key Highlights

- \$529 billion\* Total Addressable Market (“TAM”) in litigation vertical
- Esquire is a tailored, differentiated brand and thought leader in the litigation market

## The Esquire Competitive Advantage

Typically advancing more than traditional banks, on traditional banking terms



Decades of Industry  
Track Record



Extensive Litigation  
Experience In-House



Deep Relationships with  
Respected Firms  
Nationally



Daily Resources  
and Research



Cash Flow Lending Coupled  
with Borrowing Base or  
Asset Based Approach

Tailoring unique products other banks do not offer



Digital Transformation The Business of Law

# Aligning Law Firm Case Inventory Lifecycle to Customer Retention





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# Payment Processing – Current ISO Model

## What is an ISO?

### ISO Responsibilities

#### They Do

- ▶ Merchant Vertical and Technology Focus
- ▶ Sales Agent Model
- ▶ Performs Initial Underwriting
- ▶ Boards Merchant to Payment Processing Platform
- ▶ Installation of Merchant Equipment
- ▶ Manage Call Center for Merchant Clients
- ▶ Merchant Risk and PCI Compliance

### Bank Responsibilities

#### We Do

- ▶ Robust Policies
- ▶ Tech Enabled Card Brand and Regulatory Compliance
- ▶ Support Multiple Processing Systems
- ▶ Assess ISO Verticals
- ▶ Re-underwrite Merchant Applications
- ▶ Utilize Industry Leading Risk Management Technology
- ▶ Daily and Month End Risk and Compliance Management
- ▶ Commercial Treasury Function for Merchant Clearing and ISO Cash Management
- ▶ Maintaining and Monitor ISO and Merchant Reserves (DDA)

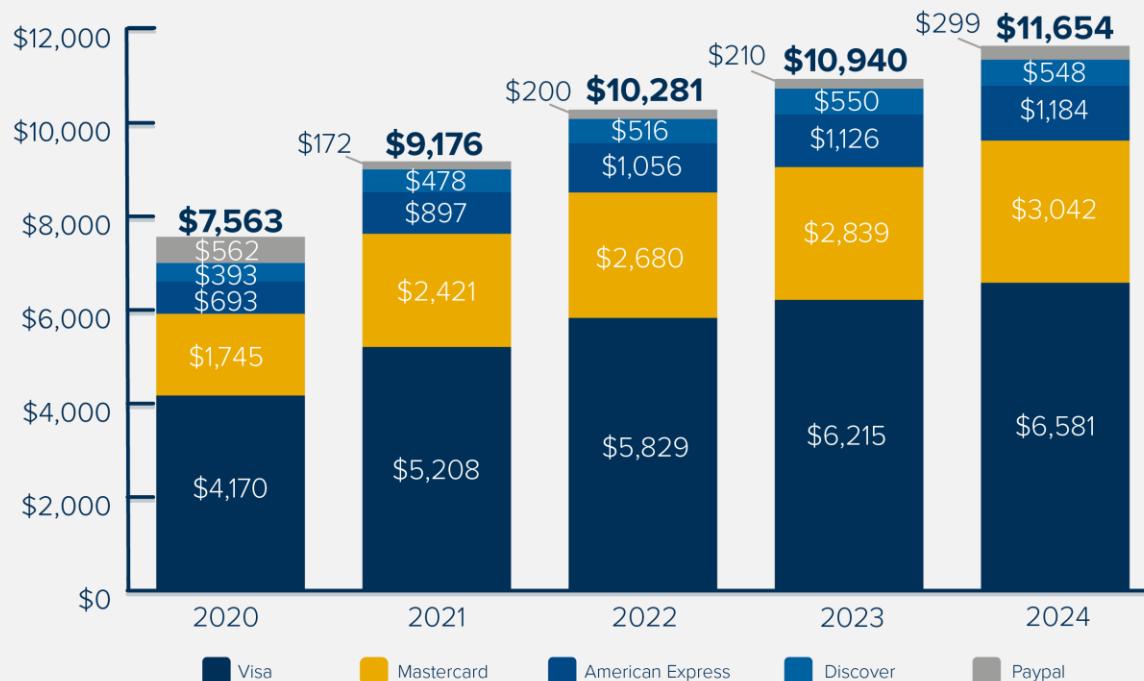


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# Payment Volume Trends – A Significant Growth Opportunity

## at December 31, 2024 (\$ in billions)

The payments industry CAGR was 11% from 2020 to 2024 to an estimated total payment volume of **\$11.7 trillion**



Sources: Company Financial Records. Note: PayPal figures represent PayPal's estimated U.S. percent share of "Total Payment Volume" (TPV). PayPal volume includes volume from a bank account, a PayPal account balance, a PayPal Credit account, a credit or debit card or other stored value products such as coupons and gift cards. As such, some of this volume may be included in other networks as well. PayPal's classification in the payments industry ecosystem is varied/debated as it performs functions attributed to a payment network, an issuer, acquirer, etc., and its financial reporting does not directly align with other payment network reporting structures and methods. Discover volume includes Discover Network and Pulse Network transactions.