Banking Reform Clearinghouse (BRiC) Search & Organization Methodology

**Think Tank/Academia**

Any MIT or GCFP content on a specific topic was placed at the top of its respective section.

Next, if a blog or report provided a particularly cogent overview of a subject, we placed it at or near the top. (For example: “A primer on Dodd-Frank’s Orderly Liquidation Authority” by Brookings).

Content was then arranged chronologically. If any content simply contained an update on the status of regulatory reform (like what you would read in a newspaper article), or did not make a compelling argument, it was omitted from the tool.

Most of the content found in BRiC is from 2017 or late 2016, with a few exceptions.

**The Fed**

This section is organized chronologically.

If a speech or statement by one of the Governors touched on a subject in a meaningful way, especially if it was made recently in the context of regulatory reform, it was included on the list.

**General**

The General section is organized randomly – there is no relevance to the order in which the content appears.

**Search**

Direct searches were conducted of major think tank websites. Many feature dedicated sections on the U.S. Economy, financial markets, and regulatory reform. We also utilized the Harvard Kennedy School’s Think Tank Search. The following terms were the most commonly used to search individual sites, as well as the Harvard search engine.

- “Dodd-Frank”
- “Stress Tests”
- “Living Wills”
- “Fiduciary Rule” or “Conflict of interest”
- “CFPB” or “Consumer Financial Protection Bureau”
- “Durbin Amendment”
- “Volcker Rule”
- “Orderly Liquidation Authority” or “OLA”
- “Financial Stability Oversight Council” or “FSOC”
- “CHOICE Act”
- “Capital Requirements”
- “Leverage Ratios”

The same search parameters were used on federalreserve.gov to search for research from the Board of Governors and District offices. We also created a custom Google search that included the FRB website and each individual District office website to ensure complete results.

Additionally, we searched for academic works using Google Scholar and directly searched academic centers focused on financial regulation – including the NYU Center for Global Economy and Business, the Harvard Law School Forum on Corporate Governance and Financial Regulation, and the Wharton Financial Institution Center at UPenn.