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Because the Dodd-Frank Act places so much authority — with so little accountability — in the hands of t

A recess appointment in this circumstance would be inappropriate and is inconsistent with the Constituti

The 1998 Federal Vacancies Reform Act, which allows the president to temporarily fill vacancies in the e

In other words, the position must have existed and been occupied by another officer for it to be tempora

There is a great deal at stake. If the president were to resort to a recess appointment to name the first d

But even if the courts disregard the Constitution's text and sustain a recess appointment to fill a position

The president is free to nominate whomever he pleases. But as the Founding Fathers realized — and ev

This is not a partisan view. The former chairman of the Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Com

The need for Senate advice and consent is made more urgent by the CFPB's unique governance structu

Instead of a single director, the CFPB should be led by a multimember, bipartisan panel like virtually all o

A commission would ensure differing points of view are considered, promote certainty and continuity by

Though Dodd-Frank supporters consider any criticism of the CFPB to be an attack on consumers, no on

Instead of evading this check on his executive authority by making a controversial recess appointment, I