

*Complianceville – The Waiting Place*

*Dr. Seuss visits the World of the Compliance Professional*

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*All the Banks in the land  
From the small to the large  
Have one unsung hero  
The Compliance Officer in charge.*

*We have brains in our head  
And skills in our brain  
We work for a bank  
With a well respected name.*

*With vision and values,  
A fabulous mission,  
We're geared to take off  
Like nuclear fission.*

*Oh, the places we'll go!  
Oh, how worthy the cause  
As we help our Banks comply  
With the regs and the laws.*

*And the magical things  
We can do with our skills,  
Well, we'll go so far,  
It gives me the chills.*

*Get ready, get set.  
Today is our day.  
We're off to Great Places!  
We're off and away!*

*But, I'm sorry to say so  
And, sadly, it's true  
That Bang-ups and Hang-ups  
Can happen to you.*

*You could find that Marketing  
With you, forgot to consult  
Before making a product  
Just for 40 something adults.*

*The Bank could enter new markets  
Where the path is not clear.  
We could find mistakes in disclosures,  
We could shiver with fear.*

*Then there is the commercial lender,  
So lofty and high,  
Who thinks that the rules and the regs,  
To him or her, do not apply.*

*But, still, you stand undaunted!  
In spite of no resources or staff  
Some days you want to cry  
But, instead you try to laugh.*

*But just when you think  
Things are under control,  
You get a notice of visitation  
From the Internal Audit Patrol.*

*And then there's the regulators  
The OCC, FDIC, OTS and the Fed  
They're changing the rules so often  
You go to work with dread.*

*You can get so confused  
That you'll start to race  
Down long wiggled roads  
At a break-necking pace.*

*And grind on for miles  
Across weirdish wild space  
Headed, I fear, toward  
A most useless place.*

*The Waiting Place . . .  
For people just waiting  
Like waiting for CEO's  
That support what you're doing*

*Or waiting for resources  
To fall out of the trees  
Or waiting for a shortcut  
That will make your job a breeze*

*Or waiting for a systems fix  
Or waiting for a Yes or No  
Or waiting around to avoid conflicts  
Or waiting to be the next Bank golf pro.*

*Everyone is just waiting*

*No! That's not for me and it's not for you.  
We'll use our brains, our skills and our  
know how*

*We'll solve the problems  
And make them say - WOW!*

*We'll make ways to escape  
All that waiting and staying  
We'll find the bright places  
Where Boom Bands are playing*

*With banner flip-flapping  
We'll always ride high  
Ready for anything  
Under the sky*

*And will we succeed?  
Yes! We will, indeed.  
It may take some time  
But we will, guaranteed!*