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"Citizens has been adding around 300 new clients every year across its footprint, and it's done so primarily by hiring local bankers in its newer

Summary

Theory:

- The ability of banks to create information about their borrowers is at the core of banking (e.g., Diamond, 1984; Petersen and Rajan, 1994; Berger and Udell, 1995).
- The soft information of these relationships is concentrated in individual bankers (Liberti & Petersen 2019).

We find that

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Related literature and contribution

We contribute to the nascent literature on the role of bankers for large borrowers and the literature on information flows through capital providers

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- Herpfer (2017) shows that individual bankers in the U.S. syndicated loan market obtain significant information about their borrowers
- We show that
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Data I

Bankers, Loans, Firms, Alliances

We need data on loans, accounting variables, strategic alliances and bankers. Data spans 2002 to 2012, sources are

- LPC Dealscan
- Compustat
- SDC Platinum and CapitalIQ
- Banker data from Herpfer (2017)

Data II: Individual Bankers

Data on bankers from the signature pages of loan contracts

 Algorithm to identify publicly available loan contracts from EDGAR

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- Algorithm to identify publicly available loan contracts from EDGAR
- Extract the following data items from signature page:
 - Bank Name
 - Bank Role
 - Person Name
 - Person Title

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Appendix

Data: Quality Assurance

Most contracts feature signatures. Algorithm is reliable. Signatures proxy for involvement.

Randomly sample 100 contracts to check quality of data:

- 65% of contracts feature signatures, other contracts are dropped
- 80% of signatories are extracted successfully

Talk to various bankers in commercial lending

- Authorization of signature only for high ranking bankers
- Bankers that sign are the ones negotiating
- Titles are at the level of junior seniors
- LinkedIn search: Relationship bankers, commercial bankers

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