SECURITIZATION REFORM

(as of January 1, 2010)

Securitization of sub-prime mortgages was identified as contributing to the financial crisis. The shift of credit risk to off-balance sheet vehicles was a major focal point for regulators. As a result, earlier this year, the FASB revised accounting rules and provided guidance relating to sales of financial assets and consolidation of certain off-balance sheet entities. In December 2009, the FDIC announced proposed rulemaking amending its securitization safe harbor rules to require financial institutions to retain more of the credit risk from securitizations and to reflect the recent accounting changes. Below are the key securitization reform measures we expect Congress to address in 2010.

	The Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2009, passed by the House on December 11, 2009	Senate Discussion Draft released by Senator Dodd on November 10, 2009
Credit Risk Retention	 5%-originators or securitizers (initial draft of bill required 10%) Percentage retained can be raised or lowered based on underwriting standards used and/or due diligence procedures followed Loans made by certain government agencies are exempt from the credit risk retention requirement No hedging or transfer of risk (without consent of applicable regulator) 	 10%-securitizers only Securities issued by the U.S. government, any U.S. government agency, or any U.S. government sponsored entity are exempt from the credit risk retention requirement No hedging or transfer of risk (without consent of applicable regulator)
Disclosure	 Asset-level or data-level detail, including data with unique identifiers relating to loan brokers or originators, the nature and extent of the compensation of the broker or originator of the assets backing the security, and the amount of risk retention of the originator or securitizer of such assets Fulfilled repurchase requests across all trusts aggregated by an originator, so investors may identify originators with clear underwriting deficiencies 	 Asset-level or data-level detail, including data with unique identifiers relating to loan brokers or originators, the nature and extent of the compensation of the broker or originator of the assets backing the security, and the amount of risk retention of the originator or securitizer of such assets Fulfilled repurchase requests across all trusts aggregated by an originator, so investors may identify originators with clear underwriting deficiencies Due diligence analysis must be performed by securitizer and provided to investors
Reps and Warranties	 Credit rating agencies must explain, in reports accompanying credit ratings, reps, warranties, and enforcement mechanisms available to investors and how they differ from reps, warranties and enforcement mechanisms in similar issuances 	Credit rating agencies must explain, in reports accompanying credit ratings, reps, warranties, and enforcement mechanisms available to investors and how they differ from reps, warranties and enforcement mechanisms in similar issuances
Other	 FASB is required to perform a study of the impact of FAS 166 and FAS 167 on securitizations and consolidation Securitizers liable for rescission for loans that violate "ability to pay" and "net tangible benefit" standards under amended Truth in Lending Act 	