



**A Webinar Discussion with
Federal Reserve Governor
Jerome (“Jay”) Powell**

Monday, October 20, 2014

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Recent Federal Reserve Community Bank Initiatives

The establishment of Community Depository Institutions Advisory Councils (CDIACs)

- 12 member councils at each Reserve Bank
- Representative of each council participates on the Board of Governors' CDIAC council

Clarifying the applicability of supervisory and consumer compliance guidance

- A clarifying statement has been added to the top of each Supervision and Regulation (SR) and Consumer Affairs (CA) letter

Piloting of an off-site loan review program

- Based on results of the pilot, the Federal Reserve plans to extend this program to banks that are qualified and interested in this approach

The establishment of a Subcommittee of the Board of Governors to focus on community and regional banks

- Currently chaired by Governor Powell

Recent Federal Reserve Community Bank Initiatives (continued)

Implementation of Consumer Compliance Risk-Focused Supervision Program for community banks

- Effectively evaluate an institution's consumer compliance processes for identifying, measuring, monitoring, and controlling compliance risk
- Balance the nature and breadth of supervision with level of risks to consumers and institutions

The development of several communication and training platforms

- Examples:
 - *Ask the Fed*
 - *Community Banking Connections*
 - *FedLinks*
 - *Outlook Live*

Fostering and conducting economic research on community banking issues

- Community Banking in the 21st Century conference, co-sponsored with the Conference of State Bank Supervisors, was launched in 2013
- Second annual conference took place in September

Economic Growth and Regulatory Paperwork Reduction Act (EGRPRA) review

- Federal banking agencies are seeking comments to identify outdated, unnecessary, or unduly burdensome regulations
- We encourage comments

2014 Community Banking in the 21st Century Conference

Research Topics

- De novo community banks
- Low net interest margins
- Mobile banking and technology adoption
- Use of guidance as a macroprudential tool
- The Small Business Lending Fund (SBLF)
- Federal agencies' supervisory appeals processes
- Impact of rising compliance costs
- The Jumpstart Our Business Startups (JOBS) Act

2014 Community Banking in the 21st Century Conference

Industry Discussion Topics

- Mergers and acquisitions
- The Qualified Mortgage (QM) rule
- Compliance costs
- Technology costs
- Changes in product mix at community banks
- **Proportionate Regulation:** aligning supervisory expectations with the size of the bank and the types of risks the bank takes

Helpful Resources

Federal Reserve Publications

- **Community Banking Connections**
www.communitybankingconnections.org/
- **FedLinks Bulletin**
www.communitybankingconnections.org/fedlinks.cfm
- **Consumer Compliance Outlook**
www.philadelphiafed.org/bank-resources/publications/consumer-compliance-outlook/

Ombudsman

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Question and Answer Session with Gov. Powell and other Board S&R officials

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