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## **CFPB Mortgage Updates**

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# CFPB's Office of Fair Lending and Equal Opportunity

- Fair Lending means: "fair, equitable, and nondiscriminatory access to credit for consumers"
- · Our Fair Lending activities and responsibilities include:
  - Fair Lending Supervision and Enforcement Providing oversight and enforcement of Federal fair lending laws
  - Rulemaking Working with CFPB's Office of Regulations on fair lending-related rulemakings
  - Outreach Promoting fair lending compliance, education, and reporting
  - Interagency Coordination Coordinating fair lending efforts with Federal agencies and State regulators

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### **Mortgage Updates: Topics**

- Public Enforcement Action: BancorpSouth Bank
- · CFPB's Regulation C Rulemaking
- ECOA Baseline Review Modules

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### Public Enforcement Action: BancorpSouth Bank

- In June 2016, the CFPB and the DOJ filed a joint complaint against BancorpSouth Bank for discriminatory mortgage lending practices that harmed African Americans and other minorities
- \$4 million in direct loan subsidies in minority neighborhoods in Memphis
- \$800,000 for community programs, advertising, outreach, and credit repair
- \$2.78 million to African-American consumers who were unlawfully denied or overcharged for loans, and a \$3 million penalty
- The complaint and the consent order resolving the complaint were filed with the United States District Court for the Northern District of Mississippi. The court entered the order in July 2016

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### **CFPB's Regulation C Rulemaking**

- The Dodd-Frank Act amended HMDA and transferred to the CFPB Regulation C rulemaking authority
- The Bureau issued the HMDA proposed rule on July 24, 2014
  - 97-day comment period
  - About 400 comments
- The Bureau issued the <u>HMDA final rule</u> on October 15, 2015 to implement provisions of the Dodd-Frank Act and make other improvements to Regulation C
- Additional guidance posted to the CFPB's <u>HMDA</u> <u>Implementation</u> webpage

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Origination Charges     Discount Points     Lender Credits     Interest Rate	Debt-to-Income     Ratio     Combined Loan-to-Value Ratio	Manufactured     Home Secured     Property Type     Manufactured     Home Land     Property Interest	Total units     Multifamily     Affordable Units     Automated     Underwriting     System	Reverse Mortgage     Open-End Line of Credit     Business or Commercial Purpose

### **ECOA Baseline Review Modules**

- The Equal Credit Opportunity Act (ECOA)
   <u>Baseline Review Modules</u> are used by
   examiners during ECOA baseline reviews
- The modules are used to identify and analyze risks of ECOA violations, to facilitate the identification of ECOA and Regulation B violations, and to inform fair lending prioritization decisions for future CFPB reviews

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### **ECOA Baseline Review Modules**

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- ECOA Baseline Review Modules were updated on October 30, 2015
- Modules include:
  - Module 1: Supervisory History
  - Module 2: Compliance Management System (CMS)
  - Module 3: Risks Related to Origination
  - Module 4: Risks Related to Servicing
  - Module 5: Risks Related to Models
- Institutions may wish to review the modules when developing their compliance management systems



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	CFPB Examination Procedures	ECOA Baseline Review	
	Module 4: Fair Lending Risi	ks Related to Servicing	
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### **Consumer Resources**

- Ask CFPB
  - Ask CFPB is an interactive online tool that gives consumers answers to more than 1,000 questions about financial products and services, including credit cards, mortgages, student loans, bank accounts, credit reports, payday loans, and debt collection at <a href="https://www.consumerfinance.gov/askcfpb">www.consumerfinance.gov/askcfpb</a>
- Consumer Complaints
  - To submit a complaint about a consumer financial product or service, consumers can visit:
     www.consumerfinance.gov/complaint
     or call 855-411-CFPB (2372). The CFPB can assist consumers in over 180 languages



### **HMDA Validation Observations**

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### Overview

- Background
- "Application Withdrawn" Action Taken Reporting Errors
- Correlation between "Application Withdrawn" Errors and Other Issues
- Examination and Supervision Impact

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### **Background**

- "Application Withdrawn" action taken definition is narrowly defined in Regulation C
- 11.10% of applications reported by NCUA regulated credit unions in 2014 were reported as "Application Withdrawn"
- Systemic misreporting frequently observed with industry outliers
- Much of NCUA's fair lending work involves HMDA data integrity outliers

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### **Application Withdrawn**

"Application Withdrawn" action taken is reported when an application is:

- Expressly withdrawn by the applicant
- Before a credit decision is made

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### **Actions Not Taken by Applicant**

If not expressly withdrawn by the applicant, do not report "Application Withdrawn". Actions an institution can take and report on its HMDA LAR include, but are not limited to:

- Application Approved but not Accepted
- · File Closed for Incompleteness

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### **Actions Not Taken by Applicant**

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Correlation between "Application Withdrawn" reporting errors and unusually long times for institutions to take action

APPLICATION DATE	ACTION DATE	# DAYS
8/12/2014	3/19/2015	219
7/4/2014	3/19/2015	258
6/19/2014	3/19/2015	273
5/27/2014	3/19/2015	296
4/2/2014	2/9/2015	313

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### Applicant Action After Credit Decision

The "Application Withdrawn" action taken code may not be used when an applicant withdraws their application after the institution makes a credit decision:

- Report "Application Denied" if the institution is unwilling to make loan based on terms requested
- Report "Application Approved but not Accepted" if the institution is willing to extend credit but the loan is not consummated

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### **Examination & Supervision Impact**

- HMDA resubmission when error rates exceed resubmission threshold
- Regulation C and Regulation B violations
- Compliance management system weaknesses
- Magnitude of errors may make offsite surveillance unreliable

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# New at the OCC: Compliance and Community Affairs Business Unit

Donna Murphy, Deputy Comptroller
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### Introduction

- In March 2016, the Comptroller established the Compliance and Community Affairs business unit (CCA), led by a new Senior Deputy Comptroller, who reports directly to the Comptroller
- CCA will focus on enhancing the OCC's ability to:
  - Comprehensively identify and address compliance risk
  - Issue timely guidance and procedures
  - Communicate effectively about emerging compliance issues

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### **CCA Leadership**

- Senior Deputy Comptroller Grovetta Gardineer
- · Three Deputy Comptrollers
  - Barry Wides, Community Affairs
  - Beverly Cole, Compliance Supervision
  - Donna Murphy, Compliance Risk

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### **Background on CCA**

- CCA structure combines Policy, Supervision and Outreach units
- Factors supporting the CCA structure include:
  - Lessons learned from financial crisis
  - Pace of legal and regulatory change
  - Pace of technological change, e.g., marketplace lending

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### **Key Benefits**

- Promote consistent platform for compliance activities and assessment of risk to enhance value-added supervision across all OCCsupervised entities
- Bring headquarters and local staff focusing on compliance policy, compliance supervision, and community development into one unit to enhance effective supervision, decisionmaking, and outreach

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### **Key Goals**

- Partner with safety and soundness supervision
- Maximize resources to address the greatest compliance risks and support fair access to bank services
- Support local examiners with timely training, policy development, risk analytics, examination tools and quality assurance
- Provide support for banks and savings associations in their efforts to ensure compliance management functions evolve to meet new markets and challenges

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### **Supervisory Approach**

- The OCC will continue to apply an integrated and risk-based approach to bank supervision
- The new Compliance Supervision division will partner with safety and soundness supervision to plan and complete compliance examinations on a local level
- Compliance conclusions will roll up with safety and soundness conclusions in one report of examination

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### **Compliance Risk**

- Deputy Comptroller Donna Murphy
- Four Directors
  - BSA/AML Policy
  - Consumer Compliance Policy
  - CRA & Fair Lending Policy
  - Compliance Tools and Training

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### **CRA** and Fair Lending

- New Director for CRA and Fair Lending will enhance development of consistent agency guidance, policies and procedures relating to CRA and fair lending
- CCA build out will include similarly-focused positions within Compliance Supervision to enhance implementation and coordination of CRA and fair lending supervision
- Working together, CCA will bring a heightened focus to fair lending and increase our ability to recognize and address areas of fair lending risk on a local level

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### **Redlining Risk**

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### Overview

- The Federal Reserve's Fair Lending Authority
- · The Federal Reserve's Referrals to the DOJ
- The Federal Reserve's Redlining Reviews
  - Definition of Redlining
  - Overview of Key Risk Factors
  - CRA Assessment Area
  - Branching
  - Marketing and Outreach
  - Overt Statements
  - Complaints
- Resources

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# The Federal Reserve's Fair Lending Authority

- The Federal Reserve Board supervises:
  - Over 800 state member banks (SMBs)
  - SMBs above \$10B for compliance with the Fair Housing Act
  - SMBs of \$10B or less for compliance with the Fair Housing Act, the ECOA, and Regulation B
- The CFPB supervises institutions above \$10B for compliance with the ECOA and Regulation B
- Thus, the Federal Reserve and the CFPB share supervision authority for fair lending in mortgages for SMBs above \$10B

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## The Federal Reserve's Referrals to DOJ

- Pursuant to the ECOA, if the Board has reason to believe there is a pattern or practice of discrimination, the Board must refer the matter to the DOJ
- The Federal Reserve has referred a number of matters to the DOJ, including matters regarding:

Redlining
 Pricing
 Mortgages
 Mortgage Discount Points
 Unsecured Loans
 Direct and Indirect Auto Loans

Maternity Leave Discrimination
 Disability Discrimination
 Spousal Signatures
 Credit Reporting

So far in 2016, the Federal Reserve has had 7 referrals:
 2 redlining, 1 pricing (unsecured loans), and 4 spousal signature

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# The Federal Reserve's Redlining Reviews

- · Definition of Redlining
  - As stated in the 2009 Interagency Fair Lending Examination Procedures, redlining is "provid[ing] unequal access to credit, or unequal terms of credit, because of the race, color, national origin, or other prohibited characteristic(s) of the residents of the area in which the credit seeker resides or will reside or in which the residential property to be mortgaged is located"

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### The Federal Reserve's Redlining Reviews (continued)

- The Federal Reserve conducts risk-focused consumer compliance exams, including fair lending reviews
- Federal Reserve examiners evaluate the risk in the bank's products and fair lending risk management program to determine whether further analysis is warranted
- Based on the 2009 Interagency Fair Lending Examination Procedures, examiners generally will review the following risk factors for redlining:
- Overt Statements
- · Branching Marketing and Outreach
- Complaints Previous Findings
- Lending Disparities
   While it is important to monitor lending disparities, the bank can control much of its risk by focusing on its policies, procedures, and business model



### **CRA Assessment Area**

- Key Risk: The bank's CRA assessment area appears to have been drawn to exclude areas with relatively high concentrations of minority residents. For example, the bank's CRA assessment area consists of a partial Metropolitan Statistical Area, Metropolitan Division, or county that inappropriately excludes majority minority census tracts.
- Example That May Indicate Elevated Risk:
  - The bank's business model has changed without a review of the bank's CRA assessment area, e.g.:
    - √ Mergers or acquisitions
    - √ New branches or loan production offices
    - √ New lending patterns

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### CRA Assessment Area (continued)

- · Banks should:
  - Have policies and procedures to regularly review their CRA assessment areas, particularly if the bank's business model changes
  - Document the reasons for selecting the assessment area delineations

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### **Branching**

- Key Risk: The bank does not have any branches or loan production offices (LPOs) in majority minority tracts
- Example That May Indicate Elevated Risk:
  - The bank has acquired branches based on opportunities presented, without having a branching strategy that considers fair lending risk
  - The bank now has a series of branches that form a "donut hole" that excludes the majority minority tracts

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### Branching (continued)

- · Banks should:
  - Have policies and procedures to evaluate fair lending risk in connection with opening, acquiring, or closing branches or LPOs
  - Document the reasons, including any data or analysis, to support the branching and LPO decisions

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### **Marketing and Outreach**

- Key Risk: The bank's marketing and outreach activities tend to exclude majority minority tracts
- · Examples That May Indicate Elevated Risk:
  - The bank's marketing and outreach are limited to CRA assessment areas or areas around the branches that do not contain majority minority tracts
  - The bank limits a direct mailing to current customers who are disproportionately in non-majority minority tracts, thus effectively excluding majority minority tracts from marketing

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### Marketing and Outreach (continued)

- Examples That May Indicate Elevated Risk (cont.):
  - The bank limits a direct mailing to zip codes that are not in majority minority tracts
  - The bank limits its marketing to real estate brokers that do not serve majority minority tracts
  - The bank's website and/or marketing materials do not include diverse human models
  - The bank does not conduct affirmative marketing to majority minority tracts



### Marketing and Outreach (continued)

- · Banks should:
  - Have policies and procedures to evaluate fair lending risk for marketing and outreach initiatives
  - Monitor and evaluate whether the marketing and outreach activities are reaching the whole of the credit market area, including the majority minority tracts
  - Consider affirmative marketing (which is permitted under Regulation B)



### **Overt Statements**

- Key Risk: The bank has a policy (oral or written) that indicates a preference on a prohibited basis
- Examples That May Indicate Elevated Risk:
  - The bank's loan policy states that loans outside of the CRA assessment area are "undesirable," and the CRA assessment area excludes majority minority tracts
  - The bank's loan policy states that the institution will not lend north of 110th Street, and the majority of the residents in that area are Hispanic (or other minority)
  - The bank's Community Development Officer states that bank management asked her to discontinue outreach in a major urban area, where 97% of the tracts are majority minority tracts



### **Overt Statements** (continued)

- · Banks should:
  - Review policies, procedures, and changes to the business model for fair lending risk if there are limits on a prohibited basis, including on the basis of geography (i.e., the race of the residents of the neighborhood where the mortgage property would be located)

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### **Complaints**

- Key Risk: There are complaints that indicate an elevated risk of redlining discrimination. "Complaints" include:
  - Complaints to the Federal Reserve or the bank
  - Concerns raised in CRA public comment letters or by community contacts
  - Complaints to other federal or state agencies
  - Lawsuits by a private party or government agency
  - Inquiries or investigations by other federal or state agencies

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### Complaints (continued)

- Complaints include (cont.):
  - Complaints generated through Internet websites or social media
  - Press articles raising concerns about the bank's practices
- · Banks should:
  - Have policies and procedures to monitor complaints from various sources, look for trends that may indicate redlining risk, and take appropriate action

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### **Federal Reserve Resources**

- Consumer Compliance Outlook Federal Reserve publication dedicated to consumer compliance
- Outlook Live Federal Reserve webinars on consumer compliance topics
- Community Banking Connections Federal Reserve publication and website dedicated to providing guidance, resources and tools for community banks
- Interagency Fair Lending Examination Procedures and Appendix
- Federal Reserve Consumer Help

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# Redlining: A Bank's Reasonably Expected Market Area

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### What is a REMA?

- REMA: Reasonably Expected Market Area
- FFIEC Interagency Fair Lending Examination Procedures state:
  - REMA where the institution actually marketed and provided credit and where it could reasonably be expected to have marketed and provided credit
  - Some REMAs might be beyond or otherwise different from a bank's CRA assessment area

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### Why is the REMA Important?

- The REMA is used to evaluate redlining risk
- The analysis will determine whether a bank is providing equal access to credit to those in its REMA. This will involve looking at whether the hank is:
  - Not extending credit in certain areas
  - Targeting certain areas with less advantageous products
  - Offering different loans to different areas
  - Not marketing residential loans to certain areas

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### How is the REMA Determined?

- · Discussion with Bank
- Branching
- Marketing Efforts
  - Print Advertising
  - Calling Program
  - Direct Mailings
- Brokers or Realtors
  - Location/Areas Served

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### How is the REMA Determined?

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- Location of the Bank's Loan Applications, Originations, and Deposit Customers
- · Significant Barriers to Lending
  - Geographic Barriers
  - Limited Housing Stock
  - Low Population Levels



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### **Be Proactive**

- Determine your REMA
- Use your REMA when conducting a redlining risk assessment
- Be aware of where you are lending and marketing, and where you are not
- Determine whether any changes are necessary

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### Resources

- Interagency Fair Lending Examination Procedures
- FDIC Compliance Examination Manual

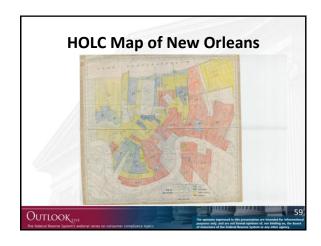
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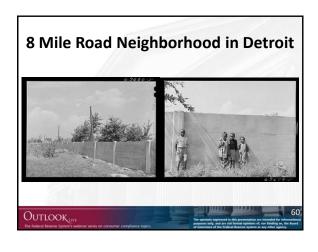
### Redlining

Lucy Carlson, Acting Deputy Chief Housing and Civil Enforcement Section Civil Rights Division U.S. Department of Justice









# Legislative/Regulatory Efforts to Address Redlining

- Community Reinvestment Act (CRA)
- Home Mortgage Disclosure Act (HMDA)
- Equal Credit Opportunity Act (ECOA)
- · Fair Housing Act (FHA)

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### A Persistent Fair Lending Issue

- 10 DOJ Settlements involving allegations of redlining since 2002
- Regulatory and enforcement agencies priority



### Redlining

- Failure to provide lending services to minority areas
- Investigations focus on:
  - CRA assessment area excluding minority areas
  - Few or no branches
  - Limited or no marketing
  - Extremely low proportion of loans



### **DOJ Redlining Settlements**

All recent redlining settlements include:

- Loan subsidy funds to generate additional lending in previously redlined areas
- New physical locations in previouslyredlined areas
- Outreach & consumer education
- Training and changes to bank procedures



### **Hudson City Settlement**

For previously-redlined areas:

- \$25M in loan subsidies
- Two new branches
- \$1.5M in targeted advertising, outreach and consumer education
- \$750K to partner with community groups to assist residents



### **Hudson City Settlement**

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- Nondiscrimination provisions
- Expansion of CRA assessment areas
- Training and changes to bank procedures
- \$5.5M to CFPB Civil Penalty Fund

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### **Midwest BankCentre Success Story**

- Opened branch in town with no bank branches
- After one year, hundreds of checking and savings accounts opened
- Fewer people relying on fringe lenders
- Bank proactively opening another branch in majority-minority neighborhood

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