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# External Auditor Independence

## EXTERNAL AUDITOR INDEPENDENCE

In 2011, the Board of Governors engaged Deloitte & Touche LLP (D&T) to audit the combined and individual financial statements of the Reserve Banks and those of the consolidated LLC entities.<sup>1</sup> In 2011, D&T also conducted audits of internal control over financial reporting for each of the Reserve Banks and the consolidated LLC entities. Fees for D&T's services totaled \$8 million, of which \$2 million was for the audits of the consolidated LLC entities. To ensure auditor

independence, the Board of Governors requires that D&T be independent in all matters relating to the audits. Specifically, D&T may not perform services for the Reserve Banks or others that would place it in a position of auditing its own work, making management decisions on behalf of the Reserve Banks, or in any other way impairing its audit independence. In 2011, the Bank did not engage D&T for any non-audit services.

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<sup>1</sup> Each LLC will reimburse the Board of Governors for the fees related to the audit of its financial statements from the entity's available net assets.