

# SECURITIES AND FINANCE ADVISORY SERVICES

Securities-related disputes are becoming more complex, time consuming and costly. With proven expertise in the economic analysis of securities, the markets they trade in, and their valuation, the professionals at FTI Consulting can provide companies and their counsel involved in securities-related matters an effective and comprehensive range of consulting and expert witness services.

## SERVICE HIGHLIGHTS

- Economic analysis of securities, the markets they trade in and their valuation
- Accounting analysis of alleged financial misreporting
- Credentialed economic, finance, valuation and accounting professionals to serve as consultants or designated experts in litigation matters

## REPRESENTATIVE CLIENTS

- Investment banks
- Registered investment advisors
- Hedge funds
- Private equity funds
- Broker-dealers
- Sovereign wealth funds
- Pension funds
- Public companies
- Public and private REITs
- Commercial banks

Whether it is shareholder class action litigation, allegations of stock option backdating, market timing issues in mutual fund trading, hedge fund litigation, market manipulation, the valuation of subprime portfolios, the effect of financial disclosures on a company's stock price, or a wide variety of other issues, many companies today face increased scrutiny from regulators, litigation and business issues that require expert help in the area of the economics of securities markets, valuation, and finance.

FTI Consulting's Securities and Finance Advisory Services practice can help. We have a deep understanding of securities, securities markets and securities valuation. We have direct experience and expertise in many areas in which companies face legal and regulatory challenges today, including:

- Loss causation and damages issues in shareholder class actions.
- Class certification issues, including analyses of market efficiency.
- Stock option backdating.
- Mutual fund and hedge fund disputes, including brokerage fee and market timing issues.
- Subprime lending, including the valuation of subprime portfolios and other structured finance products.
- Market manipulation litigation.
- Valuation of firms or operating divisions.
- Insider trading allegations.
- ERISA class actions.
- Stock option valuation issues.
- Broker dealer disputes involving unsuitability, churning and best execution.

## EXPERTISE IN ALL ASPECTS OF SECURITIES AND FINANCE

Our professionals have experience in litigation, accounting, statistics, finance, business valuation and economics. All have doctorates or other advanced degrees or have attained professional designations such as Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and CFA Charterholder (CFA). FTI Consulting's Securities and Finance Advisory Services practice brings in-depth skill and experience in analyzing liability and damages claims. We have helped clients in lawsuits including but not limited to class action lawsuits (§10b, §11, and §12), and matters involving the valuation and trading of common stock, preferred stocks, municipal bonds, convertible bonds, derivative securities (options, warrants), collateralized debt obligations (CDO's), and mutual funds. In class action matters, our experts use financial theory and practical experience to analyze class certification issues, analyze the efficiency of the market in which a security trades, assess materiality and causation, perform event studies to estimate alleged damages, assist in discovery, and provide expert testimony. Our experts have assessed materiality and damages issues in numerous stock option backdating matters and have investigated market timing and brokerage fee issues with regard to mutual fund trading. In addition, our experts have deep experience with

the valuation and trading of complex securities, including structured finance products such as CDO's and subprime securities.

We have worked on analyses of liability and damages in commercial and broker/dealer disputes, claims of market manipulation, and matters relating to hedge funds, banking and real estate investments, as well as litigation cases involving, among others, complex financial and tax structures, derivative securities, equity, hybrid and credit derivatives, convertible securities, foreign exchange, fixed income instruments, hedge fund performance, and the effects of financial crises on market performance and liquidity.

Our experts can determine the appropriate methodologies (cost, market, income) to estimate business enterprise values and equity values. Utilizing these methodologies our experts can provide indications of value for the business enterprise, equity, common stock or other securities and derivatives for non-public entities or divisions of public entities.

FTI Consulting's Securities and Finance Advisory Services practice works with many clients and law firms to resolve securities litigation claims and minimize the cost and demands of the litigation process. Working as consultants or expert witnesses, we have built a reputation for diligence, integrity, and objectivity.



Critical thinking at the critical time™

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