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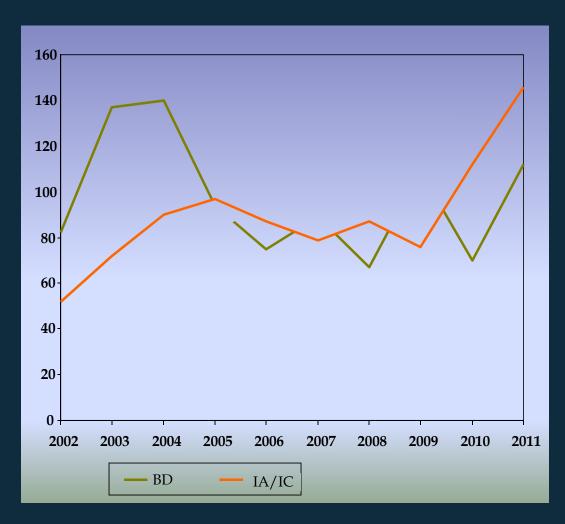
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## Examinations & Enforcement Issues



- **146** cases against advisers and mutual funds
- 30% increase over FY 2010
- 92% increase from FY 2009
- 112 cases against brokers (70 in FY 2010)
- Cases against advisers, mutual funds and brokers represent 35% of SEC's enforcement docket

# SEC Examination & Enforcement Developments

- Changes in Exam and Enforcement Programs
  - Establishment of Asset Management Unit in Enforcement
  - Enforcement-OCIE Coordination
  - Dodd Frank Act Whistleblower Provisions
  - Hiring Specialized Personnel in OCIE and Enforcement
  - Technology Resources & Analytical Tools

- Areas of Enforcement Focus
  - Compliance & supervision
  - Performance claims, including aberrational performance
  - Selective disclosure
  - Valuation
  - Turn-key mutual fund solutions and inexperienced advisers
  - Mutual fund fees
  - Error correction
  - Insider trading

# Areas of SEC Examinations Focus

- Complex Entities
  - New shops
  - PE shops
  - Quant shops
- New or Risky Products
  - Retailization of complex investments
- Portfolio management activities that increase risk of investor loss
- Lack of due diligence on investment vehicles or managers and undisclosed conflicts
- Manipulative activity, such as front-running and insider trading

- Valuation practices and any conflicts
- Performance and advertising
- Compliance, supervision, and risk management
  - Cost cutting
  - Outside business
  - "Dual and affiliated registrants transitioning broker-dealer customers into advisory clients"
  - "Ineffective compliance and risk management [for] complex investments and/or investment strategies."
- Custody arrangements that increase the potential for misappropriation

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