

## Fair and Responsible Banking Services

Driving stronger, fairer, and more confident compliance

### What this service delivers

The Fair and Responsible Banking Services of US Regulatory Consulting (USRC) helps institutions identify, quantify, and mitigate fair lending and responsible-banking risk through advanced analytics, governance evaluations, and examiner-aligned program improvements.

### Challenges we solve



Pricing disparities or elevated regression results



Geographic distribution gaps (redlining risk)



Inconsistent documentation or exceptions management



Limited in-house fair lending expertise



Uncertainty ahead of an upcoming fair lending exam

### Core services

#### Fair and Responsible Banking

Elevate your fair lending and responsible banking program through data-driven analysis, targeted reviews, and governance enhancements. USRC supports institutions with insights into lending patterns, disparate impact, as well as geographic and demographic risk indicators.

#### Key services provided

- **Fair lending risk review**

A full-scope evaluation assessing:

- Quantitative lending disparities
- Statistically significant pricing or underwriting differences
- Potential discriminatory indicators
- Strength of controls around pricing, decisioning, and documentation

Deliverables explain risk drivers, compare performance to peers, and identify control enhancements.

- **Redlining risk review**

A structured geographic analysis examining:

- Lending distribution across majority-minority census tract (MMCT) and low- and moderate-income (LMI) areas
- Application/origination volumes relative to peers
- Market penetration and marketing reach
- Resulting residual risk

Reviews specify exposures and align institutions with regulatory expectations.

- **Comparative file review**

A file-level assessment confirming whether similarly situated borrowers receive equivalent treatment by evaluating:

- Pricing outcomes
- Underwriting consistency
- Timing, conditions, and exceptions

Ensures practices are equitable and fully documentable.

- **Examination preparation**

USRC identifies gaps, supports corrective action planning, and prepares institutions for fair lending exams with actionable, examiner-aligned insights.

- **Staff augmentation**

Experienced professionals integrate directly into existing teams to support analytics, reviews, governance, and ongoing program refinement.



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## Real-world use case

### Use case: Addressing elevated pricing disparity risk before regulator review

A community bank's analytics team identified potential disparities in pricing for refinance loans. Concerned about fair lending exposure, the institution engaged USRC to conduct a fair lending risk review.

Using regression analysis and peer-comparative benchmarking, USRC confirmed statistically significant patterns requiring deeper investigation. Consultants performed a comparative file review, analyzing underwriting documentation, pricing exceptions, and timing differences. The review revealed inconsistent documentation of discretionary pricing decisions and gaps in second-look processes.

USRC also conducted a redlining risk review, confirming no geographic disparities but identifying inconsistent outreach efforts in LMI areas. The institution implemented USRC's recommended governance updates, expanded oversight routines, and improved pricing documentation — all prior to an anticipated regulatory exam.



## Why institutions choose us



Deep quantitative expertise



Proven supervisory experience



Clear, actionable analysis



Strengthened governance and documentation

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