Message from the Securities Investor Protection Corporation Board of Directors

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It is a privilege to serve on the Board of an organization whose mission is to protect investors, and to work with a team of talented and dedicated men and women who understand the important role that investor confidence plays in promoting a sound financial system. As SIPC commemorates its fiftieth anniversary, it does so in the midst of a worldwide pandemic. As in its previous forty-nine years, SIPC has dealt with the challenges before it in stride.

SIPC originated in difficult times. In the late 1960s, the securities industry experienced severe operational and financial problems brought on by unexpectedly high trading volume and a lack of back office automation. A severe decline in stock prices followed, and hundreds of securities firms were merged, acquired, or failed, some unable to meet their obligations to customers. On December 30, 1970, Congress enacted the Securities Investor Protection Act of 1970 (SIPA) to restore and maintain investor confidence in the securities markets through the creation of a customer protection program administered by SIPC.

In the years since, SIPC has grown in stature and maturity. It has stood ready to protect investors through the stock market decline of 1973-74, the October market break of 1987, the dot.com bust of 2000-02, and the financial crisis of 2008.

As noted in this Special Report, there have been many significant events in SIPC’s history: the seminal Supreme Court case of SIPC v. Barbour; the clearing firm failures of Adler Coleman Clearing Corp. and MJK Clearing, Inc.; the liquidations of MF Global Inc. and Lehman Brothers Inc.; and the liquidation of Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities LLC, brought on by the largest Ponzi scheme in history. Throughout, SIPC has worked collaboratively on these and other matters with regulators, self-regulatory organizations, industry members, and the trustees and their teams in SIPA cases, and has developed working relationships with its foreign counterparts - all while growing and maintaining a strong investor protection fund.

Today, as the financial services industry undergoes rapid and unprecedented change, SIPC remains focused on its mission of investor protection. With pride, we look back upon SIPC’s first fifty years as a success. We congratulate the dedicated teams at SIPC who have made this success possible. We acknowledge the importance of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) to SIPC’s success and look forward to SIPC’s continued effective collaboration with the SEC and its staff in the years to come.

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Dear Ms. Wang:

I send best wishes on the approaching 50th anniversary of the Securities Investor Protection Act of 1970 (“SIP A”), which was enacted into law on December 30, 1970. The protection of investors is core to the SEC’s mission, and SIP A, which established SIPC, is an important part of the investor protection framework.

Congress enacted SIP A in response to the 1968-1970 Wall Street paperwork crisis during which a number of broker-dealers failed to meet their financial and custodial obligations to customers. This affected public confidence in the securities markets, and SIP A, and the other actions taken at the time, were designed to help address these issues and restore the public’s trust in the markets. As SEC Chairman William J. Casey noted in his letter to Congress transmitting the study the Commission was called upon to prepare under SIP A, the actions taken were intended to achieve the same broad goals we strive for today—“assuring investors that their savings put to work in the American capital markets are protected against structural weaknesses; that they have access to reliable and meaningful information about the performance of the companies in which they invest and that the markets are fair, honest and efficient in establishing the values of securities.”

Over the last 50 years, SIPC has overseen the liquidation of its member broker-dealers, including in circumstances when customers’ securities or cash are missing or otherwise are not capable of being returned to the customers. As of the end of 2019, 327 broker-dealer liquidations have been completed under SIP A. In these liquidations, the eligible claims of over 770,000 customers totaling over $141 billion have been fully satisfied. The creation and operation of SIPC and the protections afforded to the customers of failed broker-dealers under SIP A undoubtedly have been instrumental in restoring the investing public’s confidence to leave securities and cash with your member broker-dealers.

On the eve of the 50th anniversary of SIP A, I wanted to take a moment to congratulate Ms. Josephine Wang and SIPC on its excellent record of success. I appreciate the dedication of SIPC’s staff in fulfilling its mission and look forward to many more years of working together to protect investors.

Sincerely,

Jay Clayton, Chairman
As SIPC celebrates 50 successful years of investor protection, this Special Anniversary Report is first and foremost an opportunity to thank the many individuals and entities that have made SIPC’s success possible. We acknowledge some by name in this Report. There undoubtedly are many more.

Created by Congress in order to respond to instability in the securities industry, SIPC came to life on December 30, 1970, without staff or funds of its own. Its mission was daunting: to create and administer a fund that would be used to protect investors against the loss of cash and securities entrusted to a broker, and thereby instill investor confidence. Investor confidence in the capital markets is important to economic growth and to a stable financial system.

SIPC was equal to the task. As the securities industry rallied, within 120 days of the enactment of SIPA, through assessments paid by SIPC member broker-dealers, a $75 million SIPC Fund was created. Since then, in 330 liquidation proceedings and direct payment procedures under SIPA, a total of more than $140 billion has been distributed for the benefit of more than 773,000 investors. Today, the SIPC Fund stands at more than $3.5 billion, with a target set by the SIPC Board of $5 billion.

SIPC administers a federal law, but it is not a government agency. Yet, it serves an important public purpose which is clear from the composition of its Board of Directors. Represented on the Board are the securities industry, the private non-securities sector, and the public sector. Moreover, SIPC is privately funded, but should the Fund be insufficient for its purposes, SIPC may borrow public monies. Finally, SIPC works closely with securities regulators and self-regulatory organizations. We are particularly grateful to the SEC and to the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA), and their staffs, with whom SIPC has worked over the years to protect investors.

Equally important to the success of the customer protection program are the trustees and their teams who, in association with SIPC, administer the liquidation of the failed brokerage firms. From notifying investors of the start of a liquidation, to evaluating claims, to collecting, recovering, and distributing investors’ property, trustees and their teams work tirelessly alongside SIPC.

It is a privilege to be associated with each of these individuals and entities. My personal debt of gratitude is to the SIPC Board for its endless support, to my fellow officers, and to the SIPC staff for their never-ending willingness always to go above and beyond. This has been especially evident in the current pandemic when the staff has not wavered from its responsibilities and SIPC has stood ready at all times to carry out its mission.

I am proud to be a part of what SIPC has accomplished. I invite you to join me in a look at SIPC’s first 50 years. I am confident that the next 50 years will be as exciting and purposeful.

Josephine Wang
In enacting the Securities Investor Protection Act (SIPA) in 1970, Congress responded to the needs of investors during an unsteady time in the securities industry. To this day, the program that Congress put in place in 1970 continues to protect investors against certain losses if the brokerage to which they entrust their cash and securities fails. Knowing that their assets are not at risk in that situation gives investors the confidence to invest.

The SEC and self-regulatory organizations such as FINRA notify SIPC when a SIPC member broker-dealer is in financial trouble. If the statutory criteria for liquidation of a firm are met, SIPC applies to the federal district court for a customer protective decree under SIPA. Once granted, the broker-dealer is placed in liquidation and a trustee is appointed. The proceeding is then removed to the bankruptcy court for the district.

A SIPA liquidation is essentially a bankruptcy liquidation, with special customer protection features. To the extent consistent with SIPA, provisions of the United States Bankruptcy Code (Code) apply to the proceeding. Applicable provisions of the Code include avoidance provisions. Those provisions enable the trustee to recapture certain transfers of customer property made by the brokerage before its liquidation. Recaptured property is returned to the debtor’s estate so that it can be shared by all customers.

Customer cash and securities entrusted to the broker are called “customer property” under SIPA and are distributed to customers. In addition, each customer is protected by SIPC against the loss of missing cash and securities up to $500,000. Of the $500,000, up to $250,000 is available to replace missing customer cash. SIPC funds also may be used to pay the administrative expenses of a proceeding. No customer funds are used to pay administrative expenses such as trustee or counsel fees.

In 1978, a number of changes were made to SIPA to strengthen investor protection. The overall limit of investor protection was doubled from the initial $50,000 in 1970 to $100,000, and the cash portion was raised from $20,000 to $40,000. A direct payment procedure was created that allowed customer claims to be satisfied without a court proceeding. Customer accounts could be transferred from the failed firm to another brokerage, allowing customers to regain access to their accounts more promptly.

Customers who were owed missing securities could have claims for the securities themselves instead of for the securities’ cash value. SIPA also went beyond establishing a process for protecting customers of a failed firm. When enacted in 1970, SIPA provided the basis for the SEC’s adoption of SEC Rule 15c3-3, an important customer protection measure. Also known as the Customer Protection Rule, Rule 15c3-3 creates regulatory safeguards with respect to customer funds and securities held by the broker.
SIPC Timeline:
Standing with Investors for 50 Years
1970–2020
1971
The NASDAQ begins operations as the world's first electronic stock market.
The U.S. abandons the Gold Standard.
Release of the first commercially available microprocessor.

1972
Watergate break-in.
Apollos 17 performs the longest moon landing.
The Depository Trust Company is created.

1973
U.S. involvement in the Vietnam War ends.

1974
Hank Aaron breaks Babe Ruth’s home run record.

1975
Microsoft is founded.

1976
Americans celebrate the U.S. Bicentennial.
Apple Computer Company is founded.
The first retail index fund seeks to match the market.

1977
Star Wars debuts in theaters.
Elvis Presley dies at age 42.

1978
Egypt and Israel sign Camp David Accords.
Saturday Night Fever wins Best Album.

1979
Three Mile Island nuclear reactor melts down.
Tehran hostage crisis begins.

Price of a gallon of gas: 62 cents...Price of a pound of bacon: $1.51...Price of a first-class stamp: 13 cents
“[SIPA] of 1970 was an innovative and exemplary piece of remedial legislation, evolved principally through the cooperative efforts of the Congress, the [SEC], and the securities industry itself. In general it has worked well, and thousands upon thousands of securities investors have been greatly benefited. However, as with any new legislation, only experience can demonstrate its precise efficacy and suggest areas of possible improvement. Now that SIPC has had experience in the liquidation of 94 firms over a three-year period, it is appropriate for it to join with other interested and knowledgeable parties in a common effort to improve this program of customer protection.”

- Remarks of Hugh F. Owens, Chairman of SIPC, in announcing the formation of the 1973 Task Force.

With a staff of 18, SIPC is housed temporarily in offices of the SEC in Washington D.C. The young organization faces many challenges. Less than three years into the creation of SIPC and within one month of each other, the two largest member firms fail and are placed in SIPA liquidation: Weis Securities, Inc. and J. Shapiro Co. These two firms alone account for $175 million in assets returned to customers out of $202 million distributed in 1973. With the benefit of experience, in 1973, SIPC forms a Task Force to consider ways to improve SIPA.

1970s

1971
The original members of the SIPC Board, chaired by Byron D. Washburn, are appointed in January 1971.

1972
SIPC releases its first annual report.

1973
SIPC appoints a Special Task Force to improve customer protection.

1974
97,230 customer claims are received in 109 liquidations. 124 claims exceed SIPA’s protection limit of $50,000 per customer.

1975
The U.S. Supreme Court holds that only the SEC can sue SIPC to compel it to initiate a liquidation proceeding. SIPC v. Barber, 421 U.S. 412 (1975).

1976
The president of White & Co., a firm in liquidation, is convicted on 14 counts of fraud and record-keeping violations.

1977
SIPC moves to 485 L’Enfant Plaza, SW, Washington, D.C.

1978
President Carter signs SIPA amendments into law. These amendments:
- Allow SIPC to serve as trustee in smaller cases,
- Create a direct payment procedure,
- Provide for bulk transfers of customer accounts,
- Raise the overall protection limit to $100,000, including a cash limit of $40,000 per customer,
- Allow claims for securities to be satisfied in kind, and
- Give SIPC rulemaking authority.

1979
The SIPC Advertising Bylaw takes effect, allowing member broker-dealers to display the SIPC symbol in their offices and advertising.

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Former Beatle John Lennon is fatally shot.

1981
Attempted assassination of President Ronald Reagan.

1982
TIME’s Man of the Year is THE COMPUTER.

1983
Sally Ride is the first American woman in space.

1984
EDGAR is introduced as a pilot program.

1985
Coca-Cola introduces New Coke.

1986
Six million people form a human chain across the U.S. for “Hands Across America.”

1987
Black Monday. The world population reaches 5 billion.

1988
Peak of the U.S. Savings and Loan crisis.

1989
The Berlin Wall falls.

The October 1987 Market Crash. On October 19, 1987, “Black Monday” rocks the markets, as the Dow Jones Industrial Average (Dow) drops 508 points, or 22.6%. From its high on August 25 through its low mid-day on October 20, the Dow sees a decline of more than 1,000 points, or 37%. The markets quickly recover most of their Black Monday losses. In just two trading sessions, the Dow regains 288 points, or 57%, of the total Black Monday downturn. Less than two years later, U.S. stock markets surpass their pre-crash highs. Black Monday leads to only one new SIPA liquidation.
1990 Hubble Space Telescope is launched from the Space Shuttle Discovery.

1991 The New York Stock Exchange introduces its first off-hours trading sessions.

1992 The European Union is founded.

1993 Bill Clinton takes office; the first Baby Boomer in the White House.

1994 Nelson Mandela becomes president of South Africa, after 27 years in a political prison.

1995 Oklahoma City bombing.


1997 Passing of Princess Diana.

Britain returns Hong Kong to China.

1998 Google introduces its search engine to the Web.

1999 World population reaches 6 billion.

The Dow closes above 10,000.

Y2K - Firms prepare computer systems for the new millennium.

Throughout the 1990s, SIPC is called upon to protect tens of thousands of investors from the failure of multiple firms as a result of criminal activity, including that associated with organized crime. In addition, as detailed in The New York Times, Forbes, Business Week, and other publications, based on investigations by the SEC, the FBI, and others, numerous criminal indictments and civil prosecutions are brought against executives and brokers at the failed firms.

1994
Michael E. Don is named SIPC President.

1995
Adler, Coleman Clearing Corp. – The firm, which cleared transactions for 42 brokerages, including Hanover Sterling & Co., Stratton Oakmont, A.R. Baron, and Duke & Co. (all later SIPA liquidations), becomes SIPC’s then largest liquidation proceeding. More than 89% of customer accounts are bulk transferred within 3 weeks.

1995
SIPC’s 25th anniversary.

1996
A. R. Baron & Co., Inc. is placed in SIPA liquidation. The firm is found to be a “criminal enterprise that defrauds investors out of $75 million and leads to convictions and incarceration of two co-founders and two corporate officers.”

1997
SIPC launches www.sipc.org

1997
Stratton Oakmont, Inc. – SIPA liquidation is initiated when the “Wolf of Wall St.” and other brokers perpetrate a massive “boiler room” scheme that results in convictions and jail for the firm’s two principals.

1999
Bear, Stearns Securities Corp. agrees to pay $30 million to a restitution fund for victims of A.R. Baron & Co. to be administered by the SIPA trustee.

SIPC formally launches its website, www.sipc.org, to improve communications with customers and brokers.

1999
Wolf of Wall Street
“Stratton willfully violated federal securities law in that it: ‘engaged in fraudulent sales practices, made baseless price predictions with regard to Stratton-recommended over-the-counter securities, made material misrepresentations and omissions concerning those securities and Stratton’s experience and expertise…, engaged in, encouraged and/or permitted unauthorized trading…, and… knowingly or recklessly manipulated…market price…’
SEC Order at 2. Stratton neither admitted nor denied these findings.”

2000
The Dotcom bubble bursts.

2001
Terrorists attack the World Trade Center and Pentagon; markets close.

2002
Sarbanes-Oxley Act becomes law. Euro notes and coins begin circulating.

2003
The supersonic air travel era ends with Concorde’s last flight.

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Facebook launches.

2005
Hurricane Katrina hits the Gulf Coast.

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2000
Sunpoint Securities, Inc. – The failure of Sunpoint Securities requires SIPC to advance $32.5 million to restore stocks and cash lost by nearly 10,000 investors from all 50 states.

2003
Stephen P. Harbeck named SIPC President, and in 2008, President and CEO.

2005
MJK Clearing, Inc. – The trustee and SIPC work to settle litigation, which results in all customers of the firm receiving a 100% distribution and SIPC recovering $91 million in advances.

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“Judge James M. Peck, the presiding Bankruptcy Judge in Lehman, in commenting on the progress of the SIPA Lehman liquidation.

“This largest-ever, unplanned bankruptcy that started in chaos, accelerated the financial crisis and eroded confidence in the global financial system also has yielded the most overwhelming outpouring of creditor consensus in the history of Insolvency law.”
– Judge James M. Peck, the presiding Bankruptcy Judge in Lehman, in commenting on the progress of the SIPA Lehman liquidation.

2009
SIPC’s Board of Directors raises the target balance of the SIPC fund to $2.5 billion.

Year
Billions of Dollars

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2010
Flash Crash as Dow drops precipitously, raising concerns about high speed trading.
The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act is passed in response to the 2008 financial crisis.

2011
Game of Thrones premieres.

2012
Hurricane Sandy.

2013
Pope Francis becomes the first pope from the Americas.

2014
Ebole outbreak becomes the largest epidemic of its kind.

2015
Coinbase opens as the first licensed bitcoin exchange in the United States.

2016
Brexit vote.
Chicago Cubs win the World Series, ending a 108-year drought.

2017
The Dow closes at over 20,000.
Securities settlement period is shortened to T+2 in the United States.

2018
Cryptocurrencies crash.

2019
80,000 fires burn in the Amazon.

2020
On February 12, the Dow reaches a then all-time high (29,551.42) based on the longest bull market in history.
World Health Organization declares COVID-19 a pandemic.

Price of a gallon of gas: $2.36 . . . . Price of a pound of bacon: $5.37 . . . . Price of a first-class stamp: 47 cents
“When the SIPA liquidation commenced in September 2008, the possibility of the full satisfaction of customer claims was something SIPC and the Trustee hoped for, but was genuinely uncertain at that time. The fact that customer claims have been fully satisfied, and that unsecured general creditors are now receiving a significant distribution, is an extraordinary achievement.”

– Stephen P. Harbeck, SIPC’s former CEO, on the Lehman Brothers Inc. liquidation.

“I simply do not know where the money is, or why the accounts have not been reconciled to date. ...[T]here were an extraordinary number of transactions during MF Global’s last few days, and I do not know, for example, whether there were operational errors at MF Global or elsewhere, or whether banks and counterparties have held onto funds that should rightfully have been returned to MF Global.”

– Testimony of Jon Corzine, former MF Global CEO, before the House Agriculture Committee, December 8, 2011.

2010

The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act passes. The law raises SIPC’s line of credit with the U.S. Treasury to $2.5 billion and increases the protection of cash in a customer’s account to $250,000.

2013

Lehman Brothers Inc. – The trustee completes a 100% distribution to customers.

2016

MF Global Inc. – The trustee closes the case with a 100% distribution to securities customers and commodities claimants, and a 95% distribution to general creditors. After more than four years of recovery efforts, the trustee distributes more than $8.1 billion to MF Global customers and creditors.

2019

Josephine Wang is appointed SIPC President and CEO.

Without SIPC, investors at financially troubled brokerage firms might lose their securities or money forever. Ninety-nine percent of persons who are eligible have gotten their investments back with SIPC’s help. Since its creation by Congress in 1970, SIPC has advanced more than $4 billion in order to make possible the recovery of more than $140 billion in assets for an estimated 773,000 investors.

Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities LLC – More than $14 billion recovered for customers by the Madoff trustee. Customers owed $1.5 million or less are fully satisfied.

SIPC undertakes the construction of a broker portal to facilitate the filing of SIPC forms and the electronic payment of assessments by member firms.

SIPC establishes an electronic claims filing system for customers and other claimants in the event of a brokerage firm failure where SIPC is trustee.

2020

SIPC completes the construction of a broker portal to facilitate the filing of SIPC forms and the electronic payment of assessments by member firms.

2011

MF Global Inc. – In what becomes the 8th largest bankruptcy in history, SIPC commences the liquidation of the joint broker-dealer/futures commission merchant, providing protection to more than 38,000 investors.
The Administration of SIPA:
1970-2020
In 1970, Congress mandated that a $75 million SIPC Fund be established within 120 days of the enactment of SIPA. With help from the SEC, the self-regulatory organizations, and industry representatives, procedures were developed for member broker-dealers to pay “assessments” to SIPC. Within the 120 days, the $75 million target was met and the SIPC Fund was created.

Despite the challenges faced with the commencement of 138 proceedings in the 1970s, the Fund, which finances the day-to-day operations of SIPIC and provides the monies needed for customer protection, continued to grow. From the 1980s and into the 1990s, with fewer liquidation proceedings, the Fund topped $1.1 billion. The Fund hit a high of $1.7 billion in 2008, but dropped to $1.1 billion in 2009 due to SIPC’s sizeable advances in the Madoff case.

Today, the Fund stands at more than $3.5 billion. In 2020, the SIPC Board of Directors set a new target for the Fund at $5 billion.

Should the Fund become insufficient, SIPC may borrow up to $2.5 billion through the SEC from the U.S. Treasury Department. In its 50 years, SIPC has never used taxpayer money.

The SIPC Fund

SIPC Fund Comparison
1971 to August 31, 2020

* 2020 unaudited and includes restricted funds

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Since 1970, SIPC has commenced 330 proceedings to protect customers. They have included liquidation proceedings with outside trustees designated by SIPC, smaller proceedings in which SIPC serves as trustee, and direct payment procedures for firms no longer in business and in which customer claims are satisfied directly with no court proceeding.

Nearly a third of all SIPA proceedings to date – a total of 109 – were brought between 1971 and 1974. They followed the turbulent years of the 1960s when the securities industry underwent a serious contraction after having expanded significantly.

Between 1974 and 2006, SIPC initiated an average of 6.5 cases per year, which included a high of 13 in 1992, and a low of just 1 in 2005. In 2007, for the first time since its inception, SIPC did not bring a single case.

2007 was the calm before the storm. In 2008, SIPC commenced five proceedings. Of the five, the failure of Lehman Brothers Inc. in 2008 was followed just months later by the SIPA liquidation of Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities LLC. Lehman Brothers and Madoff remain two of the largest brokerage firm failures in history.

In 2011, MF Global Inc. was placed in SIPA liquidation and presented, for the first time, the resolution under SIPA of a large joint broker-dealer/futures commission merchant. Between 2011 and 2017, there were four more SIPA liquidation proceedings and three direct payment procedures.

In 2020, three cases remain open for completion. They include Lehman Brothers, Madoff, and a smaller case in which SIPC is trustee. While two of the three cases are winding down, Madoff continues to generate much litigation and groundbreaking court decisions under SIPA. With billions of dollars at stake and more than 3,300 lawsuits brought by the Madoff trustee, SIPC and the trustee continue in their quest to achieve the greatest recovery for customers.
The SIPA proceeding returns to customers, as promptly as possible, customer cash and securities entrusted to the broker. Customer property may be on hand when the firm is placed in liquidation. Other times, property is missing and the trustee must locate it and take steps to recover it. Customer property is distributed to customers in proportion to the size of customers’ allowed claims. If there is not enough customer property to satisfy all customer claims, SIPC funds are available to make up the difference, within the limits set by law.

Because collecting or recovering missing property takes time, SIPC funds can be used immediately so that customers can be promptly satisfied up to the limits of SIPA protection. For example, if a customer is owed $500,000 in securities but the securities are missing, the trustee may use SIPC funds to buy the securities in the market in order to deliver them to the customer.

The amounts that SIPC provides are called “advances” because it is possible for SIPC to be reimbursed. If a customer has been fully satisfied from SIPC advances, and customer property later is found, SIPC steps into the shoes of that customer as to his or her share of property. In that manner, SIPC reimburses the amount that it provided for the customer, either fully or partially. The result is as if the customer received the value of his or her share of customer property, with SIPC funds being used only to replace missing property.

The Distributions for Accounts of Customers chart shows amounts distributed to customers from customer property and SIPC advances.

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* Recoveries exceed distributions to customers.
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History of Member Assessments*

1971: ½ of 1% of members’ gross revenues plus an initial assessment of 1⁄8 of 1% of 1969 revenues ($150 minimum).

1972–1977: ½ of 1% of members’ gross revenues.

January 1–June 30, 1978: ¼ of 1% of members’ gross revenues.

July 1–December 31, 1978: None.


1983–March 31, 1986: ¼ of 1% of members’ gross revenues effective May 1, 1983 ($25 minimum).


1989–1990: 3.16% of 1% of members’ gross revenues ($150 minimum).

1991–1992: 0.65% of members’ net operating revenues ($150 minimum).

1993: 0.57% of members’ net operating revenues ($150 minimum).

1994–1995: 0.54% of members’ net operating revenues plus an initial assessment of 1⁄6 of 1% of 1994 revenues ($150 minimum).


April 1, 2009–2016: .25% of members’ net operating revenues ($150 minimum through June 2010).

2017–December 31, 2020: .15% of members’ net operating revenues.

*Rates based on each member’s gross revenues (net operating revenues for 1991–1995 and April 1, 2009 through 2020) from the securities business.

There are two main sources of funding for SIPC. One is the assessments that member broker-dealers pay to SIPC. The other is interest earned on SIPC’s investment of its funds.

The financial support provided by SIPC members makes possible the protection that customers receive when a member firm fails financially. With some narrow exceptions, every U.S. registered securities broker or dealer is a member of SIPC.

The initial rate of assessment for members in 1970 was 1/8th of 1 percent of the member’s gross revenues from the securities business for the year 1969. Once the SIPC Fund reached $75 million, the assessment would be set by SIPC by bylaw or rule. The assessment is the amount that SIPC considers necessary and appropriate to maintain the SIPC Fund and to repay any borrowings, after consultation with self-regulatory organizations.

The SIPC Revenue chart shows the member assessment by year and the assessment amounts generated each year from 1970 until August 31, 2020. In 2009, based upon a change in the assessment, the amount raised through assessments jumped sharply. The change was made in order to ensure that SIPC would be adequately funded in the wake of the Lehman Brothers Inc. and Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities LLC failures.

At year-end 2019, member assessments for the year generated $317.6 million. In 2020, the assessment rate is .15% of members’ net operating revenues from the securities business. In 2019, the interest from investments totaled $76.6 million.

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Sixteen years ago, SIPC entered into its first Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with a foreign counterpart. The MOUs offer a framework for cross-border communication, cooperation, and consultation between entities with similar functions. Although each MOU is unique, they all lay the groundwork for establishing, fostering, and developing partnerships to promote investor protection and confidence in capital markets worldwide.

As securities markets become more global, SIPC and its partners recognize the need for cross-border cooperation. The parties work with each other so that, in case of a cross-border brokerage insolvency, investors in both countries are protected, consistent with the respective institutional regimes.

SIPC and its partners meet and confer regularly, working to advance common issues, to stay abreast of new developments, and to learn from one another.

SIPC has Memoranda of Understanding with seven of its foreign counterparts:

**2004**
UNITED KINGDOM
Financial Services Compensation Scheme

**2005**
CANADA
Canadian Investor Protection Fund

**2006**
TAIWAN
Securities and Futures Investors Protection Center

**2007**
SOUTH KOREA
Korea Deposit Insurance Corporation

**2009**
EGYPT
Egyptian Investor Protection Fund

**2009**
CHINA
China Securities Investor Protection Fund

**2018**
JAPAN
Japan Investor Protection Fund
December 30, 2020, marks a milestone for SIPC: the achievement of 50 years of successfully protecting investors whose broker-dealers have failed. In its first half-century, as the marketplace has experienced highs and lows, SIPC has been a steady hand throughout, providing reliable, unwavering support to investors. Working in concert with the SEC, the Federal Reserve, the United States Treasury and self-regulatory organizations, SIPC has protected hundreds of thousands of investors against the loss of their hard-earned savings. SIPC has meant peace of mind for the investor and confidence in the nation’s financial system.

As it moves into its next phase, SIPC undoubtedly will face new challenges. The securities industry is an industry of innovation and rapid change. Digitalization and use of distributed ledger technology are only a couple of the areas in which this pace of change can be seen. Efforts to make the marketplace more readily accessible to a new generation of investors also are accelerating, even as more complex products and systems appear. The global linkage of markets continues to grow. While SIPC will need to keep abreast of such developments and to remain vigilant in the face of change, it is well-positioned for the future. SIPC’s track record is a testament to its ability to adapt and to act quickly and forcefully. Fifty years into its creation, SIPC’s hallmark trait of stability will continue to serve investors well.

SIPC is grateful to all who have shared in its journey and who have contributed to SIPC’s success. The first 50 years have been exciting and rewarding. With steadfast commitment to investors, and with great confidence and enthusiasm, SIPC looks forward to the next 50 years.
Acknowledgments
The SIPC Board has seven members, five of whom are appointed by the President of the United States and confirmed by the Senate. Three of the five Presidential appointees are from the securities industry and two are from the general public. A sixth Director is from the U.S. Treasury and a seventh is from the Federal Reserve. Each Director is appointed for a term of three years and can serve until replaced.

SIPC acknowledges the contributions of each Director and extends its heartfelt thanks to all for their service.

1971 – 1972
Byron D. Woodside (Chairman)
George J. Stigler (Vice Chairman)
Glenn E. Anderson
Bruce C. MacLaury
Henry W. Meers
Andrew J. Melton, Jr.
J. Charles Partee
Samuel R. Pierce, Jr.
Donald T. Regan

1973 – 1976
Hugh F. Owens (Chairman)
Jerome W. Van Gorkom (Vice Chairman)
Glenn E. Anderson
Ralph D. DeNunzio
James L. Kichline
George H. Pfau, Jr.

1977 – 1979
Hugh F. Owens (Chairman)
Jerome W. Van Gorkom (Vice Chairman)
Glenn E. Anderson
Ralph D. DeNunzio
James L. Kichline
Benjamin H. Rupple
Michael A. Taylor

1978 – 1980
Hugh F. Owens (Chairman)
Jerome W. Van Gorkom (Vice Chairman)
Glenn E. Anderson
Ralph D. DeNunzio
James L. Kichline
Benjamin H. Rupple
Michael A. Taylor

1982 – 1984
James G. Stearns (Chairman)
Robert E. Reville (Vice Chairman)
James W. Fuller
Michael J. Prell
George H. Pfau, Jr.

1985 – 1987
James G. Stearns (Chairman)
Robert E. Reville (Vice Chairman)
James W. Fuller
Michael J. Prell
George H. Pfau, Jr.

1988 – 1989
James G. Stearns (Chairman)
Robert E. Reville (Vice Chairman)
James W. Fuller
Michael J. Prell
George H. Pfau, Jr.

1994
Clifford Hudson (Chairman)
Deborah D. Branson (Vice Chair)
Gary Gensler
Charles L. Martin
Marianne C. Spraggins
David J. Stockton

2000
Armando I. Buscemi, Jr. (Acting Chairman)
Peter R. Futter
Charles L. Martin
Marianne C. Spraggins
David J. Stockton

2002
Armando I. Buscemi, Jr. (Chairman)
Todd S. Fafis
Charles L. Martin
Marianne C. Spraggins
David J. Stockton

2005-2006
Armando I. Buscemi, Jr. (Chairman)
Thomas W. Grant
Emil W. Henry
Nan Hinkings
Deborah D. McKinnon
David J. Stockton

2007-2009
William T. Mires, Jr. (Chairman)
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William J. Shaw
Mark S. Shelley
David J. Stockton

2014-2016
Anthony D’Agostino
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The role of trustee is not an easy one. Together with SIPC, trustees work tirelessly to fulfill their mandate of customer protection.

SIPC salutes all SIPA trustees, and on behalf of the many investors and creditors whose interests they protect, SIPC thanks each for their service.

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