
SEC Administrative Order Flags Lobbying as an Auditor Independence Issue

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On July 14, 2014, the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") commenced administrative proceedings charging Ernst & Young ("E&Y") with auditor independence violations after finding that one of E&Y's subsidiaries provided improper lobbying services to two of its SEC-registrant audit clients. To settle the charges, E&Y agreed to pay over \$4 million in civil penalties without admitting or denying any wrongdoing.

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