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**Information Required of Brokers and Dealers Pursuant to Section 17 of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 17a-5 Thereunder**

REPORT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING 01/01/10 AND ENDING 12/31/10  
MM/DD/YY MM/DD/YY

**A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION**

NAME OF BROKER-DEALER: USAA Financial Advisors, Inc.  
ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: (Do not use P.O. Box No.)  
9800 Fredericksburg Road  
(No. and Street)  
San Antonio Texas 78288  
(City) (State) (Zip Code)

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FIRM I.D. NO.

NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PERSON TO CONTACT IN REGARD TO THIS REPORT  
Kirsten Register (210) 913-0703  
(Area Code - Telephone Number)

**B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION**

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT whose opinion is contained in this Report\*  
Ernst & Young LLP  
(Name - if individual, state last, first, middle name)

100 West Houston Street, Suite 1800 San Antonio Texas 78205  
(Address) (City) (State) (Zip Code)

**CHECK ONE:**

- Certified Public Accountant
- Public Accountant
- Accountant not resident in United States or any of its possessions.

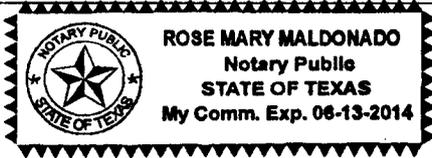
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OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, Kirsten Register, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of USAA Financial Advisors, Inc., as of December 31, 2010, are true and correct. I further swear (or affirm) that neither the company nor any partner, proprietor, principal officer or director has any proprietary interest in any account classified solely as that of a customer, except as follows:



Kirsten Register  
Signature

Vice President, Corporate Controller  
Title

Rose Mary Maldonado  
Notary Public

This report \*\* contains (check all applicable boxes):

- (a) Facing Page.
- (b) Statement of Financial Condition.
- (c) Statement of Income (Loss).
- (d) Statement of Changes in Financial Condition.
- (e) Statement of Changes in Stockholders' Equity or Partners' or Sole Proprietors' Capital.
- (f) Statement of Changes in Liabilities Subordinated to Claims of Creditors.
- (g) Computation of Net Capital.
- (h) Computation for Determination of Reserve Requirements Pursuant to Rule 15c3-3.
- (i) Information Relating to the Possession or Control Requirements Under Rule 15c3-3.
- (j) A Reconciliation, including appropriate explanation of the Computation of Net Capital Under Rule 15c3-1 and the Computation for Determination of the Reserve Requirements Under Exhibit A of Rule 15c3-3.
- (k) A Reconciliation between the audited and unaudited Statements of Financial Condition with respect to methods of consolidation.
- (l) An Oath or Affirmation.
- (m) A copy of the SIPC Supplemental Report.
- (n) A report describing any material inadequacies found to exist or found to have existed since the date of the previous audit.

\*\*For conditions of confidential treatment of certain portions of this filing, see section 240.17a-5(e)(3).

Report of Independent Accountants on  
Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures

To the Management of USAA Financial Advisors, Inc.:

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by the management of USAA Financial Advisors, Inc. (FAI), the Securities Investor Protection Corporation (SIPC), the Securities and Exchange Commission, and the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, in accordance with Rule 17a-5(e)(4) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. We performed the procedures solely to assist the specified parties in evaluating FAI's compliance with the applicable instructions of the General Assessment Reconciliation (Form SIPC-7) for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2010. FAI's management is responsible for FAI's compliance with those requirements. This agreed-upon procedures engagement was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of those parties specified in this report. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

The procedures we performed and our findings are as follows:

1. Compared the listed assessment payments in Form SIPC-7 with respective cash disbursement record entries (including check copies and bank statements) noting no differences.
2. Compared the amounts reported on the supporting schedules to the monthly FOCUS reports with the amounts reported in Form SIPC-7 for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2010 noting no differences.
3. Compared any adjustments reported in Form SIPC-7 with supporting schedules and working papers that support the monthly FOCUS reports for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2010 noting no differences.
4. Proved the arithmetical accuracy of the calculations reflected in Form SIPC-7 and in the related supporting schedules and working papers supporting the adjustments noting no differences.

We were not engaged to and did not conduct an examination, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion on compliance with the applicable instructions of the General Assessment Reconciliation (Form SIPC-7) for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2010. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the specified parties listed above and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

*Ernst & Young LLP*

February 24, 2011

**General Assessment Reconciliation**

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 20 10  
(Read carefully the instructions in your Working Copy before completing this Form)

**TO BE FILED BY ALL SIPC MEMBERS WITH FISCAL YEAR ENDINGS**

1. Name of Member, address, Designated Examining Authority, 1934 Act registration no. and month in which fiscal year ends for purposes of the audit requirement of SEC Rule 17a-5:

066197 FINRA DEC  
USAA FINANCIAL ADVISORS INC 19\*19  
ATTN COMPLIANCE  
9800 FREDERICKSBURG RD  
SAN ANTONIO TX 78288-0001

Note: If any of the information shown on the mailing label requires correction, please e-mail any corrections to form@sipc.org and so indicate on the form filed.

Name and telephone number of person to contact respecting this form.

Suzy Anz (210) 498-7353

2. A. General Assessment (item 2e from page 2)	\$ <u>162,995</u>
B. Less payment made with SIPC-6 filed (exclude interest)	( <u>71,864</u> )
<u>7/27/2010</u> Date Paid	
C. Less prior overpayment applied	( <u>0</u> )
D. Assessment balance due or (overpayment)	<u>91,131</u>
E. Interest computed on late payment (see instruction E) for _____ days at 20% per annum	<u>0</u>
F. Total assessment balance and interest due (or overpayment carried forward)	\$ <u>91,131</u>
G. PAID WITH THIS FORM: Check enclosed, payable to SIPC Total (must be same as F above)	\$ <u>91,131</u>
H. Overpayment carried forward	\$( <u>0</u> )

3. Subsidiaries (S) and predecessors (P) included in this form (give name and 1934 Act registration number):

The SIPC member submitting this form and the person by whom it is executed represent thereby that all information contained herein is true, correct and complete.

USAA Financial Advisors, Inc.

(Name of Corporation, Partnership or other organization)

(Authorized Signature)

Dated the 22 day of February, 20 11.

VP, Assistant Secretary

(Title)

This form and the assessment payment is due 60 days after the end of the fiscal year. Retain the Working Copy of this form for a period of not less than 6 years, the latest 2 years in an easily accessible place.

**SIPC REVIEWER**

Dates:            Postmarked            Received            Reviewed           

Calculations            Documentation            Forward Copy           

Exceptions:

Disposition of exceptions:

**DETERMINATION OF "SIPC NET OPERATING REVENUES"  
AND GENERAL ASSESSMENT**

Amounts for the fiscal period  
beginning 01/01, 2010  
and ending 12/31, 2010  
**Eliminate cents**

**Item No.**

2a. Total revenue (FOCUS Line 12/Part IIA Line 9, Code 4030)

\$ 65,199,050

2b. Additions:

- (1) Total revenues from the securities business of subsidiaries (except foreign subsidiaries) and predecessors not included above. 0
- (2) Net loss from principal transactions in securities in trading accounts. 0
- (3) Net loss from principal transactions in commodities in trading accounts. 0
- (4) Interest and dividend expense deducted in determining item 2a. 0
- (5) Net loss from management of or participation in the underwriting or distribution of securities. 0
- (6) Expenses other than advertising, printing, registration fees and legal fees deducted in determining net profit from management of or participation in underwriting or distribution of securities. 0
- (7) Net loss from securities in investment accounts. 0
- Total additions 0

2c. Deductions:

- (1) Revenues from the distribution of shares of a registered open end investment company or unit investment trust, from the sale of variable annuities, from the business of insurance, from investment advisory services rendered to registered investment companies or insurance company separate accounts, and from transactions in security futures products. 0
- (2) Revenues from commodity transactions. 0
- (3) Commissions, floor brokerage and clearance paid to other SIPC members in connection with securities transactions. 0
- (4) Reimbursements for postage in connection with proxy solicitation. 0
- (5) Net gain from securities in investment accounts. 0
- (6) 100% of commissions and markups earned from transactions in (i) certificates of deposit and (ii) Treasury bills, bankers acceptances or commercial paper that mature nine months or less from issuance date. 0
- (7) Direct expenses of printing advertising and legal fees incurred in connection with other revenue related to the securities business (revenue defined by Section 16(9)(L) of the Act). 0
- (8) Other revenue not related either directly or indirectly to the securities business. (See Instruction C): 1,033

(9) (i) Total interest and dividend expense (FOCUS Line 22/PART IIA Line 13, Code 4075 plus line 2b(4) above) but not in excess of total interest and dividend income. \$ 0

(ii) 40% of margin interest earned on customers securities accounts (40% of FOCUS line 5, Code 3960). \$ 0

Enter the greater of line (i) or (ii) 0

Total deductions 1,033

2d. SIPC Net Operating Revenues

\$ 65,198,017

2e. General Assessment @ .0025

\$ 162,995

(to page 1, line 2.A.)

## REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

Board of Directors  
USAA Financial Advisors, Inc.:

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of USAA Financial Advisors, Inc. (the "Company") as of December 31, 2010, and the related statements of income, changes in stockholder's equity, and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. We were not engaged to perform an audit of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Our audit included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company at December 31, 2010, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The information contained in Schedule 1 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements, but is supplementary information required by Rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

*Ernst & Young LLP*

February 24, 2011

USAA FINANCIAL ADVISORS, INC.

Statement of Financial Condition

December 31, 2010

(Dollars in thousands, except share data)

Assets

Cash and cash equivalents	\$	6,013
Receivable from related party		7,723
Prepaid assets		<u>4,178</u>
Total assets	\$	<u><u>17,914</u></u>

Liabilities and Stockholder's Equity

Liabilities:

Payable to related party	\$	<u>11,913</u>
Total liabilities		<u>11,913</u>

Stockholder's Equity:

Common stock, \$0.01 par value; 3,000 shares authorized; 1,500 shares issued and outstanding		1
Additional paid-in capital		<u>6,000</u>
Total stockholder's equity		<u>6,001</u>
Total liabilities and stockholder's equity	\$	<u><u>17,914</u></u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

USAA FINANCIAL ADVISORS, INC.

Statement of Income

Year Ended December 31, 2010

(Dollars in thousands)

Revenues

Referral fees	\$	59,547
Administrative servicing fees		5,651
Dividend income		<u>1</u>
Total revenues		<u>65,199</u>

Expenses

Compensation and benefits		41,034
Data processing and communications		7,121
Administrative services		6,587
Licenses and fees		5,777
Occupancy and equipment		1,368
Advertising		612
Other		<u>2,572</u>
Total expenses		<u>65,071</u>
Income before income taxes		<u>128</u>
Income tax expense		<u>128</u>
Net income	\$	<u><u>-</u></u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

USAA FINANCIAL ADVISORS, INC.

Statement of Changes in Stockholder's Equity

Year Ended December 31, 2010

(Dollars in thousands)

	Total stockholder's equity	Common stock	Additional paid-in capital
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Balances at December 31, 2009	\$ 5,001	\$ 1	\$ 5,000
Capital contribution from parent	<u>1,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,000</u>
Balances at December 31, 2010	<u>\$ 6,001</u>	<u>\$ 1</u>	<u>\$ 6,000</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

USAA FINANCIAL ADVISORS, INC.

Statement of Cash Flows

Year Ended December 31, 2010

(Dollars in thousands)

Cash flows from operating activities:	
Net income	\$ -
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash used in operating activities:	
Increase in prepaid assets	(995)
Increase in receivable from related party	(7,723)
Increase in payable to related party	3,403
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>(5,315)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities:	
Capital contribution from parent	<u>1,000</u>
Net cash provided by financing activities	<u>1,000</u>
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	<u>(4,315)</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	<u>10,328</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<u>\$ 6,013</u>
<u>Supplemental disclosure:</u>	
Income taxes paid	\$ <u>192</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

USAA FINANCIAL ADVISORS, INC.

Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2010

(Dollars in thousands)

(1) Summary of significant accounting policies

(a) Nature of operations

USAA Financial Advisors, Inc. (FAI), (also referred to as “we,” “our,” or “us,” unless otherwise denoted) is a wholly-owned subsidiary of USAA Financial Planning Services Insurance Agency, Inc. (FPS). FPS was a wholly-owned subsidiary of USAA Capital Corporation (CAPCO), which is, in turn, a wholly-owned subsidiary of United Services Automobile Association (USAA). On December 17, 2010, CAPCO made a non-cash dividend to USAA of their 100% ownership in FPS. Upon the occurrence of this dividend FPS became a wholly-owned subsidiary of USAA.

We are registered as a securities broker-dealer under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and we are a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA). FAI was formed to collectively allow FPS and FAI to serve as the portal through which USAA members can receive integrated financial advice to identify appropriate solutions, followed by a discussion of the USAA products and services that best fit member's needs. Individuals eligible for membership in USAA are, primarily, active duty, retired, or honorably discharged United States military personnel and their families.

(b) Basis of presentation

Our accounting and reporting policies conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP).

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expense during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

(c) Fair value

Fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities is based on the framework established in the FASB's fair value accounting guidance. Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The framework is based on the inputs used in valuation, gives the highest priority to quoted prices in active markets, and requires that observable inputs be used in valuations when available. Where quoted prices are available in an active market, securities are classified in level 1 of the valuation hierarchy.

Cash equivalents consists of a money market mutual fund. As quoted prices are available in an active market, the fund is classified in Level 1 of the valuation hierarchy. Prepaid assets represent prepaid FINRA fees. For prepaid assets and all other assets and liabilities, carrying value approximates fair value.

USAA FINANCIAL ADVISORS, INC.

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December 31, 2010

(Dollars in thousands)

(d) Advertising

Advertising costs are expensed as incurred.

(2) Transactions with related parties

(a) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash equivalents consists of highly liquid investments that have an original maturity at purchase of three months or less. At December 31, 2010, we held an investment in the USAA Money Market Fund of \$6,013. Dividends earned on the fund are recorded on an accrual basis and totaled \$1 in 2010.

(b) Referral agreement

Costs incurred by FPS which benefit us in the operation of our business as a broker-dealer are billed directly to us by FPS. These expenses include employee salaries and benefits, legal and compliance fees, computer and systems charges, and facilities charges which includes rent and utilities.

FAI and USAA Investment Management Company (IMCO), a related party and registered broker-dealer under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, have entered into a referral agreement covering services rendered by FPS on behalf of FAI. Under the terms of the referral agreement, IMCO retained us to refer USAA members (when a referral best suited the needs of the USAA member) to IMCO in exchange for a fee. The referral fee represents a recovery of the costs incurred in our operation as a broker-dealer (including those costs allocated from FPS). Amounts owed to FAI for these services are included in receivable from related party and amounts are settled monthly. We earned referral fees of \$59,547 from IMCO in 2010.

(c) Clearing agreement

FAI and IMCO have entered into a fully disclosed clearing agreement covering activities such as performing account opening and administration and taking client securities orders for clearance and settlement through an introducing and clearing arrangement with IMCO. Under the terms of the agreement, IMCO clears and carries, on a fully disclosed basis, customer accounts introduced to them by us. We earned administrative servicing fees of \$5,651 from IMCO in 2010.

(d) Funding agreement

Under the terms of an intercompany funding agreement, we have the ability to borrow up to \$20,000 from CAPCO. Borrowings under CAPCO's intercompany funding agreement are made for general corporate purposes. There were no borrowings during 2010. Commitment fees associated with this intercompany funding agreement totaled \$1 for 2010.

USAA FINANCIAL ADVISORS, INC.

Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2010

(Dollars in thousands)

(3) Income Taxes

FAI is included in the consolidated federal income tax return filed by USAA. Taxes are allocated to the separate subsidiaries of USAA based on a tax allocation agreement, whereby subsidiaries receive a current benefit to the extent their losses are used by the consolidated group. Separate company current tax expense is the higher of taxes computed at a 35% rate on regular taxable income or taxes computed at a 20% rate on alternative minimum taxable income, adjusted for any consolidated benefits allocated to the subsidiaries.

We file separate company state tax returns or are included in USAA consolidated unitary state returns, where applicable. State income tax is primarily attributable to income earned or apportioned in the respective state jurisdictions and is reflected in the consolidated statements of income.

Income tax expense for FAI differs from the expected amount obtained by applying federal and state statutory tax rates to income before taxes due to the Texas Margin Tax. This tax is based on gross revenues less certain deductions, not on net income before taxes, which in conjunction with the IMCO referral agreement, results in an effective tax rate of 100%.

Aggregate cash paid for income taxes during the year ended December 31, 2010 was \$192.

(4) Net capital

We are subject to the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) Uniform Net Capital Rule (Rule 15c3-1), which requires the maintenance of minimum net capital and requires that the ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital, both as defined, shall not exceed 15 to 1. At December 31, 2010, our net capital was \$1,703, which was \$909 in excess of our minimum net capital requirement of \$794. Our ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital was 7.00 to 1.

Advances to related parties, dividend payments, and other equity withdrawals are subject to certain notification and other provisions of the SEC Uniform Net Capital Rule and other regulatory bodies.

(5) SEC Rule 15c3-3

We are exempt from Rule 15c3-3 of the SEC under paragraph (k)(2)(ii) of that Rule. Under this exemption, the Computation for Determination of Reserve Requirements and Information Relating to Possession or Control Requirements are not required.

(6) Commitments and contingencies

FAI is party to various lawsuits and claims generally incidental to our business. The ultimate disposition of these matters is not expected to have a significant adverse effect on our financial position or results of operations.

USAA FINANCIAL ADVISORS, INC.

Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2010

(Dollars in thousands)

(7) Subsequent Events

Events occurring after December 31, 2010 have been evaluated for possible adjustment to the financial statements or disclosure.

## USAA FINANCIAL ADVISORS, INC.

Computation of Net Capital Under Rule 15c3-1  
Of the Securities and Exchange Commission

As of December 31, 2010

(Dollars in thousands)

Net capital:	
Total stockholder's equity qualified for net capital	\$ 6,001
Deductions and/or charges:	
Non-allowable assets:	
Prepaid assets	<u>4,178</u>
	4,178
Net capital before haircuts on securities positions	1,823
Haircuts on securities:	
Cash equivalents	<u>120</u>
Net capital	<u>\$ 1,703</u>
Aggregate indebtedness:	
Included in statement of financial condition:	
Due to related parties	<u>\$ 11,913</u>
Computation of basic net capital requirement:	
Minimum net capital required (greater of \$250 or 6.67% of aggregate indebtedness)	<u>\$ 794</u>
Excess net capital at 1,500%	<u>\$ 909</u>
Excess net capital at 1,000%	<u>\$ 512</u>
Ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital	<u>7.00 to 1</u>

See accompanying independent auditor's report.

## **Supplementary Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm on Internal Control Required by SEC Rule 17a-5(g)(1)**

The Board of Directors  
USAA Financial Advisors, Inc.:

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of USAA Financial Advisors, Inc. (the Company), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2010, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States, we considered its internal control over financial reporting (internal control), as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control.

Also, as required by Rule 17a-5(g)(1) of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), we have made a study of the practices and procedures followed by the Company, including consideration of control activities for safeguarding securities. The study included tests of such practices and procedures that we considered relevant to the objectives stated in Rule 17a-5(g) in making the periodic computations of aggregate indebtedness (or aggregate debits) and net capital under Rule 17a-3(a)(11) and for determining compliance with the exemptive provisions of Rule 15c3-3. Because the Company does not carry securities accounts for customers or perform custodial functions relating to customer securities, we did not review the practices and procedures followed by the Company including any of the following:

1. Making quarterly securities examinations, counts, verifications and comparisons and recordation of differences required by Rule 17a-13
2. Complying with the requirements for prompt payment for securities under Section 8 of Federal Reserve Regulation T of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System

The management of the Company is responsible for establishing and maintaining internal control and the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of controls and of the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph and to assess whether those practices and procedures can be expected to achieve the SEC's above-mentioned objectives. Two of the objectives of internal control and the practices and procedures are to provide management with reasonable but not absolute assurance that assets for which the Company has responsibility are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Rule 17a-5(g) lists additional objectives of the practices and procedures listed in the preceding paragraph.

Because of inherent limitations in internal control and the practices and procedures referred to above, error or fraud may occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of them to future periods is subject to the risk that they may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of their design and operation may deteriorate.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

A material weakness is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first and second paragraphs and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be deficiencies, significant deficiencies, or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control and control activities for safeguarding securities that we consider to be material weaknesses as defined above.

We understand that practices and procedures that accomplish the objectives referred to in the second paragraph of this report are considered by the SEC to be adequate for its purposes in accordance with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and related regulations, and that practices and procedures that do not accomplish such objectives in all material respects indicate a material inadequacy for such purposes. Based on this understanding and on our study, we believe that the Company's practices and procedures, as described in the second paragraph of this report, were adequate at December 31, 2010, to meet the SEC's objectives.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Directors, management, the SEC, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, and other regulatory agencies that rely on Rule 17a-5(g) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 in their regulation of registered brokers and dealers, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

*Ernst + Young LLP*

February 24, 2011



**USAA FINANCIAL ADVISORS, INC.**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SCHEDULES**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2010**