

Clayton Adds Reviewer Assignments

Clayton Holdings is gaining a foothold as an asset-representation reviewer.

The Shelton, Conn., unit of **Radian Group** so far has been appointed to that role on more than 35 asset-backed bond deals. The assignments fulfill a requirement under the **SEC's** November 2015 update to its Regulation AB that asset-backed bond issuers hire outside vendors to examine defaulted collateral for adherence to stated representations and warranties.

According to SEC filings, Clayton has worked on deals including auto-loan securitizations from **Ford, Honda, Nissan, Santander Consumer USA** and **Toyota**, credit-card securitizations from **Capital One** and **Synchrony Financial** and equipment-cashflow securitizations from **John Deere** and **CNH Global**.

Clayton received a designation of "MOR RV2" as an asset-representation reviewer from **Morningstar** on May 11. The rating was the first of its kind assigned by the agency, which uses a scale of "RV1" for the strongest reviewers to "RV4" for the weakest ones.

Clayton's emergence as an asset-representation reviewer coincides with an expansion of a unit that reviews loans for lenders and investors under the direction of senior managing director **Andy Pollock**. He arrived in October, at which point the operation was working solely on mortgage portfolios. It since has expanded into assets including personal loans, credit-card accounts, student loans and timeshare loans, many of which are destined for securitization. Pollock previously ran his own consulting shop, **WDB Funding**. ❖

