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# Merger Strategies

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### **Today's Presenter**

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# **Topics Covered Today**

Overall marketplace

 $\circ$   $\,$  Number of credit unions and merger activity

Reasons to merge

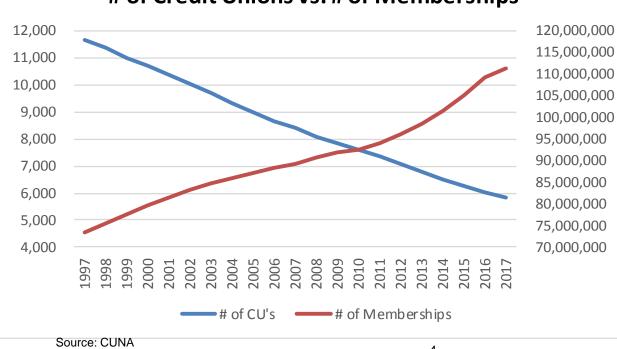
- o NCUA
- WW client survey

Things to consider

- o Members
- $\circ$  Culture
- $\circ$  Employees
- Technology
- o Governance
- Financial and accounting

Dos and Don'ts

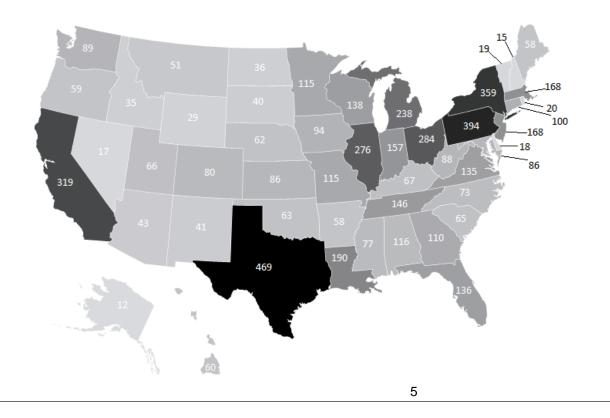
### **Credit Unions and Membership**



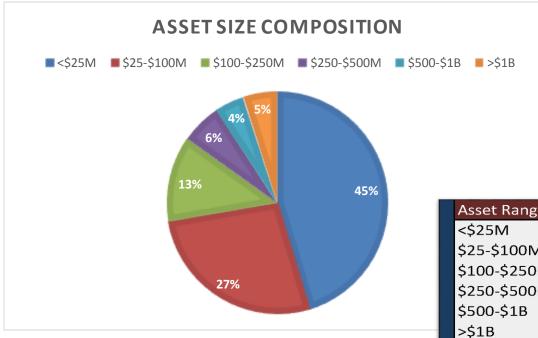
# of Credit Unions vs. # of Memberships

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### **Distribution of Credit Unions Today**



#### **Existing Credit Unions by Asset Size**



Asset Range	Count
<\$25M	2,629
\$25-\$100M	1,563
\$100-\$250M	723
\$250-\$500M	345
\$500-\$1B	247
>\$1B	291
Total	5,798

### **Number of Mergers per Year**



### **Top Credit Unions States by Count**

	Number of Credit Unions		% Decrease	
State	2011	2017	/0 Decrease	
ТΧ	542	469	-13.47%	
PA	525	394	-24.95%	
NY	428	359	-16.12%	
CA	422	319	-24.41%	
OH	367	284	-22.62%	
IL	375	276	-26.40%	
MI	314	238	-24.20%	
LA	218	190	-12.84%	
NJ	207	168	-18.84%	
MA	218	168	-22.94%	

### **Credit Unions Mergers by State**

State	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Total	% of Total*
PA	14	21	23	24	18	22	9	131	24.95%
CA	8	16	21	17	17	19	5	103	24.41%
IL	13	15	19	22	18	9	3	99	26.40%
ОН	8	15	17	14	11	13	5	83	22.62%
WI	20	12	14	11	12	6	6	81	36.99%
МІ	10	7	15	18	13	7	6	76	24.20%
NY	12	11	18	6	8	11	3	69	16.12%
тх	12	14	12	14	11	6	4	73	13.47%
VA	6	8	12	10	9	8	3	56	29.32%
MA	7	8	11	6	8	4	6	50	22.94%

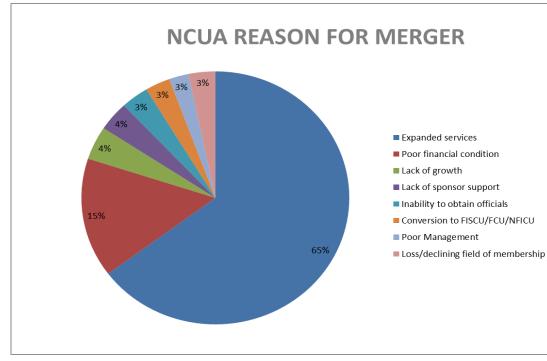
\*as a percentage of those that existed as of the beginning of 2011

# **Most Active Acquirers**

Credit Union	Total Mergers since 2011*
Community Choice CU	11
Pentagon FCU	11
Great Lakes CU	11
Landmark CU	10
USX FCU	9
Financial Plus CU	9
American Heritage FCU	8
Summit CU	8
Corporate America Family CU	8
Metro CU	7
Community First CU	7

\*based on NCUA data from 2011 and forward

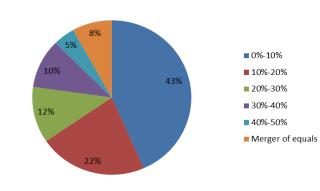
# **NCUA Reason for Merger**

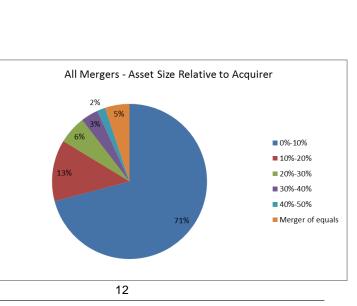


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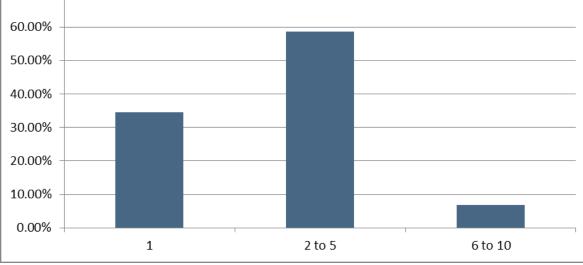
### **Wilary Winn Data**

WW Mergers - Asset Size Relative to Acquirer





How many mergers have you completed since January 1, 2009?



#### Why did you merge another credit union into your organization? Most Common Least Common Regulator used consideration Opportunity to increase earnings Detenderisting markets Drive economies of scale Expand into new matters Build existing markets Diversity assets Increase regulatory capital Obtainexpertise other

### Membership Considerations

- Acquirer can better serve the members than the acquired institution
  - Better Rates
  - More loans and deposit products (i.e. mortgage lending)
  - Mobile banking
  - More branch locations
- Differing member profile in some cases
  - i.e., different age or economic circumstances
  - Need deposits/liquidity merge with older membership base
  - Need loans merge with younger/lower income membership base
- Other considerations
  - SEG versus geographic membership limited ability to grow within existing FOM

### **Cultural Considerations**

- Does the acquired institution have similar goals and values?
- Does the to be acquired institution have similar business model and operating strategies?
- What is their definition of member service?
- Mergers affect the acquirer as well what can you learn?

### **Employee Considerations**

- Acquisition of specialize expertise
- Senior management from merging-in organization could have a better understanding of local market
- Other considerations
  - Define who is and who is not going to be retained as part of the merger agreement
  - Does the merger bring sufficient benefit to permit overstaffing in the short or medium term?

#### **Technology Considerations**

- Core system operating and conversion costs
- Mobile banking/deposit
  - Smaller organizations cannot afford to provide these types of services yet younger members demand it

#### **Governance Considerations**

- How do you ensure the acquired institution continues to be represented?
  - How many members will be added to your board?
  - Consider forming advisory committee

### **Other Considerations**

- What is the minimum or maximum size that you as an organization would consider merging in?
- Name retention how long or should the organization's existing name be maintained?
  - Organizations we interviewed said that they found the costs of maintaining the old name outweighed the benefits and contributed to an internal perception of them versus us

	Book Balance	Estimated Fair Value %	Estimated Fair Value \$	Difference
ASSETS				
Cash	23,000,000	100.0%	23,000,000	-
Cash Equivalents	-	-	-	-
Available for Sale Securities	11,000,000	99.5%	10,945,000	(55,000)
Held to Maturity Securities	-	-	-	-
Deposits in Commercial Banks, S&Ls, Savings Banks	3,000,000	100.3%	3,007,500	7,500
Loans to, Deposits in, and Invests in Natural Person CU	-	-	-	-
Total Membership and Paid In Capital	1,200,000	100.0%	1,200,000	-
All Other Investments in Corporate Credit Unions	-	-	-	-
All Other Investments	350,000	135.0%	472,500	122,500
Loans Held for Sale	-	-	-	-
Total Loans and Leases	183,000,000	99.8%	182,635,000	(365,000)
Total Loans and Leases - Loss Allowance	(1,000,000)	0.0%	-	1,000,000
Foreclosed and Repossessed Assets	-	-	-	-
Land and Building	7,000,000	90.0%	6,300,000	(700,000)
Other Fixed Assets	450,000	100.0%	450,000	-
NCUA Share Insurance Capitalization Deposit	1,900,000	100.0%	1,900,000	-
Accrued Interest on Loans	300,000	100.0%	300,000	-
Accrued Interest on Investments	30,000	100.0%	30,000	-
All Other Assets	7,000,000	100.0%	7,000,000	-
Total Assets	237,230,000	100.0%	237,240,000	10,000

#### LIABILITIES

-	-	-	-
1,000	100.0%	1,000	-
3,300,000	100.0%	3,300,000	-
35,000,000	100.0%	35,000,000	-
60,000,000	100.0%	60,000,000	-
65,000,000	100.0%	65,000,000	-
5,500,000	100.0%	5,500,000	-
6,000,000	100.0%	6,000,000	-
25,000,000	100.5%	25,125,000	125,000
11,500,000	100.5%	11,557,500	57,500
211,301,000	100.1%	211,483,500	182,500
25,929,000		25,756,500	(172,500)
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	Base		Weighted
	Value	Weighting	Value
Overall Value of Xyz Credit Union - Income Projected	19,000,000	75%	14,250,000
Overall Value of Xyz Credit Union - Guideline Transaction	18,250,000	15%	2,737,500
Overall Value of Xyz Credit Union - Market Valuation	17,000,000	10%	1,700,000
Overall Value of Xyz Credit Union - Total Wtd Avg	-	100%	18,687,500
Excess Capital Value Dollar-for-Dollar		_	10,000,000
Estimated Value of the Franchise		_	28,687,500
Value of Assets and Liabilities			25,756,500
Value of Core Deposits			2,572,500
Total Liquidation Value of the Entity			28,329,000
Total Estimated Value of the Entity (Max of Income and Market Val	uations or Liquida	ation Value)	28,687,500
Value of Financial Assets and Liabilities			19,006,500
Value of Non-Financial Assets and Liabilities			6,750,000
Value of Core Deposits			2,572,500
Goodwill (Bargain Purchase)			358,500
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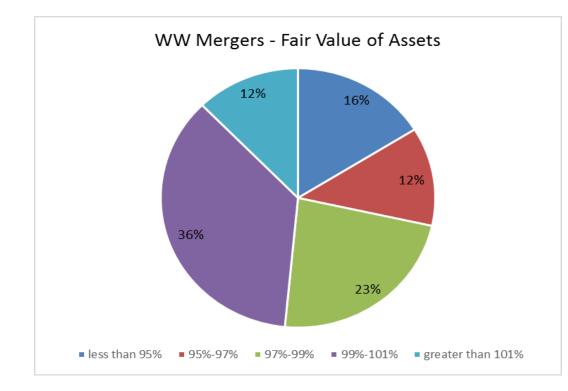
			Lifetime Impact on
-	Debit	Credit	Income
Investments			== 000
Available for Sale Securities	-	55,000	55,000
Deposits in Commercial Banks, S&Ls, Savings Banks All Other Investments	7,500 122,500	-	(7,500)
	122,500	_	
Loans Cradit Adjustment		1 125 000	
Credit Adjustment	-	1,125,000	
Discount Rate Adjustment	970,000	210,000	(760,000)
Total Loans and Leases - Loss Allowance	1,000,000	-	
Fixed Assets			
Land and Building	-	700,000	
Other Assets			
Core Deposit Intangible	2,572,500	-	(2,572,500)
Shares/Deposits			
Share Certificates	-	125,000	
IRA/KEOGH Certificates	-	57,500	182,500
Equity			
Equity (removal of existing equity accounts)	25,929,000		
Equity (record equity acquired in merger)		28,687,500	
Goodwill	358,500	_	
Bargain Purchase	-	-	
-			
-	30,960,000	30,960,000 24	(3,737,500)

#### **Financial Considerations**

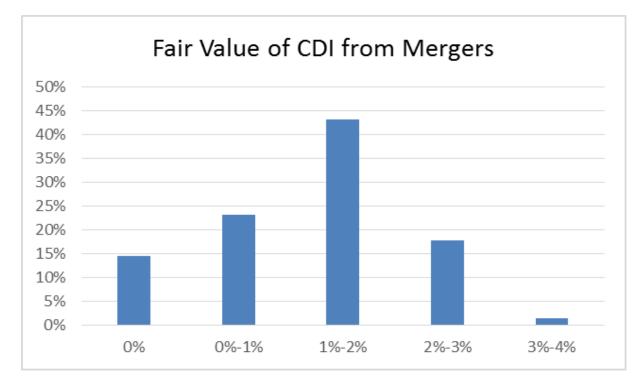
- Economies of scale
- Complementary balance sheets

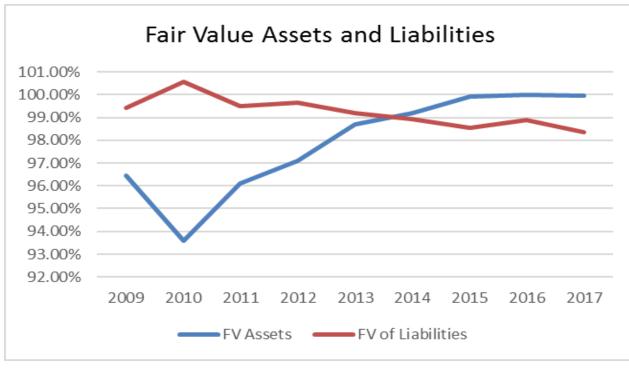
   Diversification
  - ALM profile
- Accretive or dilutive to earnings
- Regulatory capital considerations Risk-Based Capital
- Cost/Benefit of member acquisition

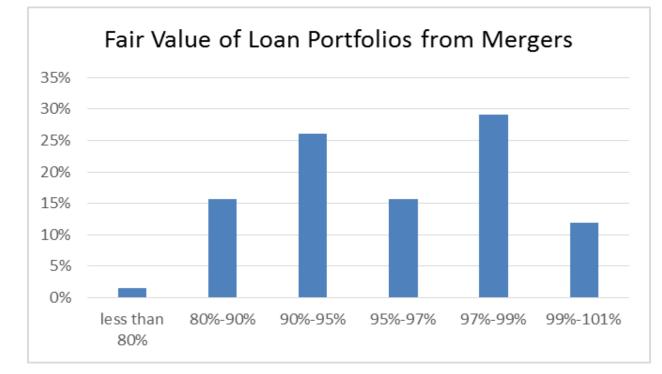
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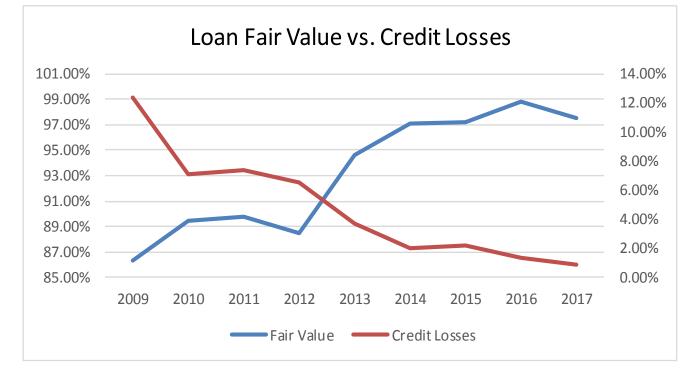
#### Wilary Winn Data – Core Deposit Intangible

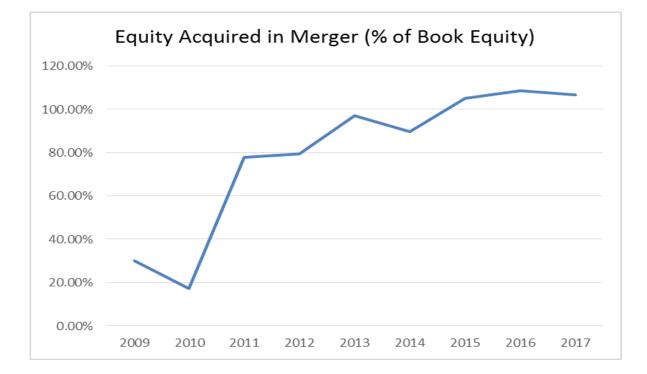




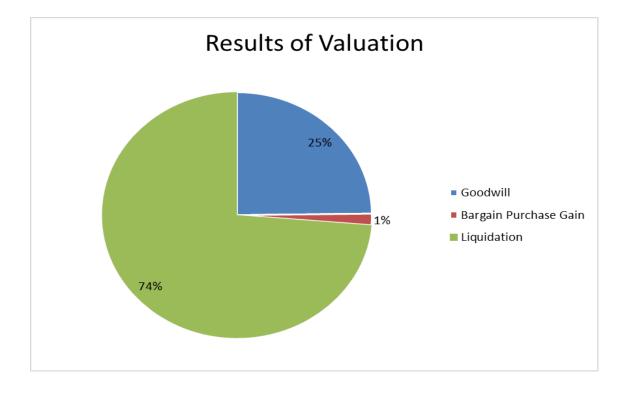


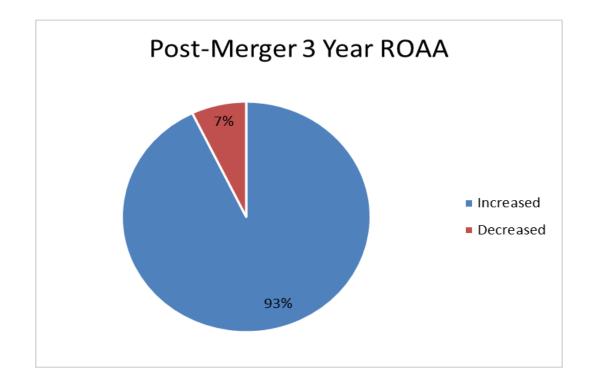
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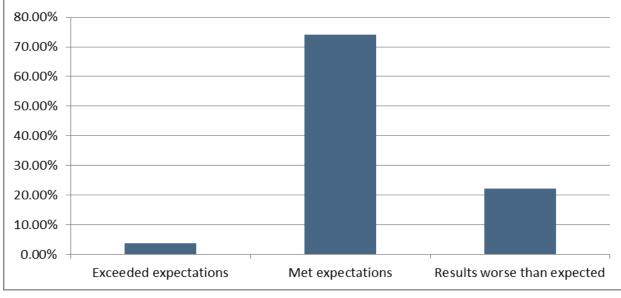


#### Wilary Winn Data – Results of Valuation

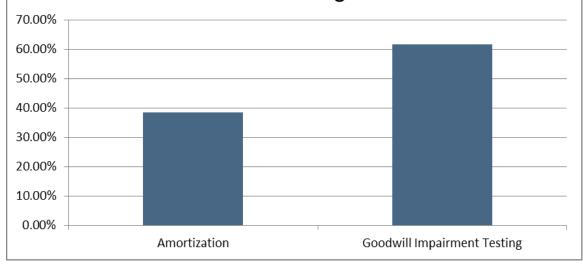




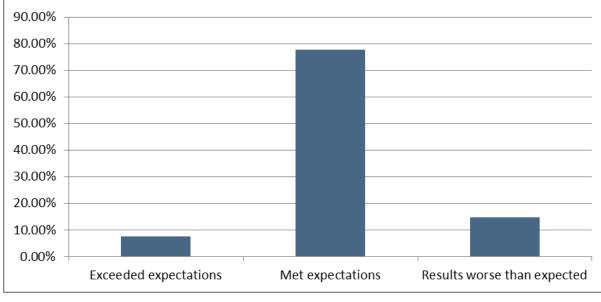
# Did the merger(s) meet your financial expectations?



If the transaction(s) resulted in goodwill, how are you performing future accounting?

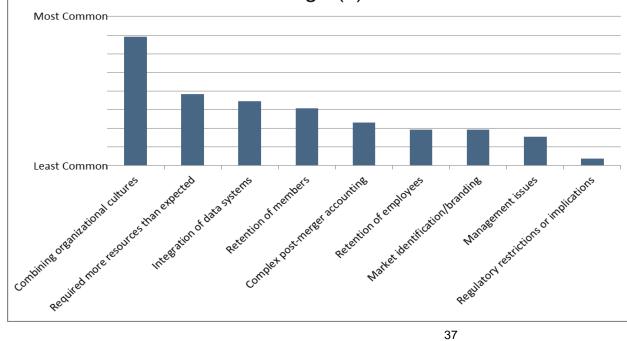


# How did the merger(s) meet your overall expectations?



#### Wilary Winn Data - Survey Results

What were the largest challenges arising from the merger(s)?



#### **Memberships Dos**

- Make transition easy and incent members to stay
- Be sensitive to cultural fit and member perception (community presence, perception of being taken over by a much larger organization in some cases)

#### **Balance Sheet Risks**

- A thorough review of the loan and investment portfolios to identify any material or significant risks
  - Fraud/poor approval process
  - Legal loan documentation
  - o Large commercial loans
  - Underwater real estate properties
  - o Collateral age
  - Credit quality of loans
- Determine if there are any large assets or liabilities that are not recorded on the financial statements
  - Underfunded retirement or pension benefits
  - o Golden parachutes
  - Other financial obligations (i.e. large lines of credit that cannot be cut off)

#### **Other Financial Dos**

- Review the general ledger for any items that must be written off, including assets that will not be used postmerger
  - Core system software
  - Other fixed assets
- Get an idea of the market value of the branch locations
  - Consider branches that you may want to sell or leases you want to terminate

#### Earnings and ALM

- Perform a high-level valuation to determine the future income impact of the mergers
  - Is the transaction accretive or non-accretive from a fair value accounting standpoint?
  - What is the effect on regulatory capital?
- Consider the impact on ALM profile
  - Run the NEV and NII analysis for a combined organization pre-merger to determine how the merger with affect the profiles of each
- Determine any concentration risk that will result from a merger
  - Would you be out of policy with regards to any current concentration limit policies?

#### Accounting Dos

- Contact your CPAs and/or regulators for any large judgement calls or questions
- Consider Day Two Accounting
  - Accretion/Amortization of purchase premiums and discounts
  - Consider the accounting method you would use in the instance of Goodwill
  - Consider if any loans will be Purchased Credit Deteriorated
    - This involves very complex accounting do you have the resources internally or will you have to pay an external vendor for valuations and accounting advice?

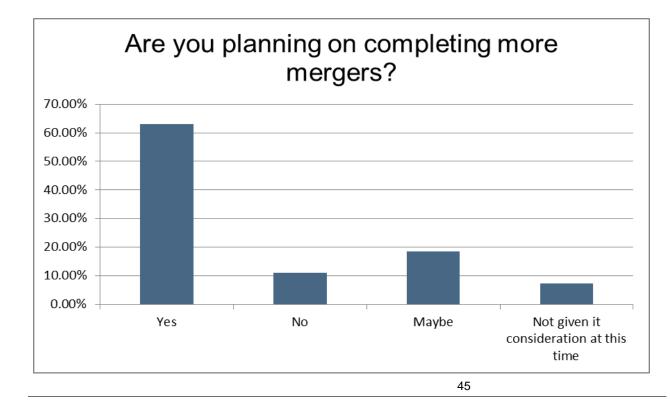
# **Merger Accounting Don'ts**

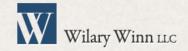
- Over fund the allowance
  - The fair value accounting entries write the existing allowance to zero
  - Pre-merger overfunding of the allowance decreases the equity counted for regulatory capital purposes post-merger
- Book merger-related expenses on the merging-in institution's financials
  - Anything triggered by the merger needs to be accounted for at the combined institution level
- Use an exact quarter-end effective date
  - Give yourself one quarter to make the entries, understand the accounting, and assemble your first call report!
- Assume that the organization is deemed immaterial without speaking with your auditors and regulators first

## Merger Don'ts

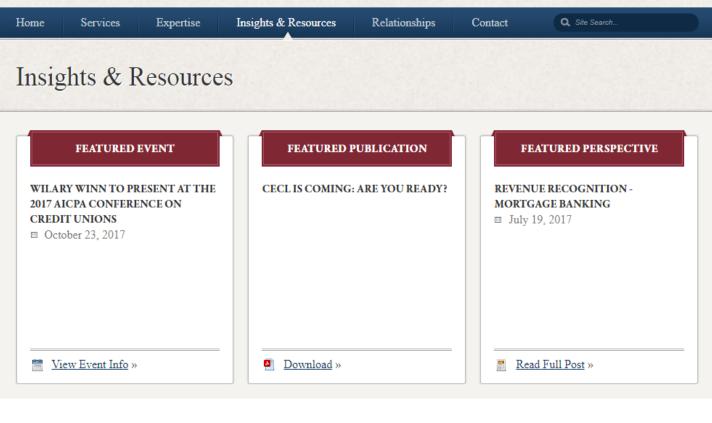
- Underestimate the cost, time, and complications that can result for data/core conversion
- Underestimate the length of time for regulatory approval
- Take due diligence lightly
  - Watch for "messy accounting"
  - Fraud
  - Poor collection procedures

## Wilary Winn Survey Results





Advice to Strengthen Financial Institutions



## **Merger Accounting Resources**

Estimation of Fair Value

- CREDIT UNION PURCHASE ACCOUNTING WHITE PAPER
- CREDIT UNION MERGER FAQS
- FAS ASC 310-30 LOAN ACCOUNTING WHITE PAPER
- CECL AND ASC 310-30 MEMO
- ACCOUNTING FOR GOODWILL IMPAIRMENT FOR CREDIT UNIONS
- CUNA COUNCIL CFO FINANCIAL FLASHES: PURCHASE ACCOUNTING FOR CREDIT UNION MERGERS
- TROUBLED DEBT RESTRUCTURINGS WHITE PAPER FROM THE CENTER FOR AUDIT QUALITY
- AIR VALUE: WHERE FINANCE MEETS ACCOUNTING

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