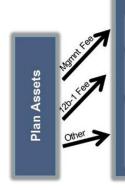
# **Mutual Fund Fees**

Flow of Fees from Participant Accounts to Retirement Plan Service Providers

| Expense Ratio Example: | Management | 0.37% | + 12b-1 | 0.25% | + Other / Admin. | 0.10% | = Total Expense Ratio | 0.72%



# Fund Company Portfolio Management

Investment decisions

#### Marketing

- Advertising Shareholder services
  - Transfer Agency / Fund Operations
- Trading
- Accounting
- Fund Board expenses



## Sub-Advisor

- Portfolio Management
- Investment decisions

### Recordkeeper

## Administration

- · Plan services
- Recordkeeping
- Web site / call center
- Statements
- Trading
- Custody



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Plan sponsors face a myriad of fees, which are often shared with service providers without further disclosure. Fiduciaries are not required to pick just the cheapest funds – but you should at least know what fees your plan is paying, and what the money is being used for!

The 401(k) Plan Fee Disclosure Form is a free publication by the Department of Labor (also very useful for other types of plans and trusts). You can obtain a copy from the DOL website, complete it with help from your fund vendors, and keep it on file in case of audit.

Better yet, why not have us complete it for you? It's a quick and inexpensive project; and we'll also benchmark your investment fees against the competitive universe, so you'll know if you're getting a fair deal.

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