

1 **Q. On page 36, Mr. Coyne quotes research from 2010 that the median forecast growth**
2 **rate bias has declined significantly. Please confirm that declined does not mean**
3 **removed and indicate the size of the remaining bias, and whether more recent**
4 **research has documented any changes in the bias since stock markets recovered**
5 **after 2010.**

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7 A. According to the referenced article on page 36 of Concentric’s *Cost of Capital* report:

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9 *After the Global Settlement, the mean forecast bias declined significantly,*
10 *whereas the median forecast bias essentially disappeared.*

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12 The SNL Financial earnings growth rates used by Mr. Coyne are median growth rates,
13 while those from Zacks and Thomson First Call are mean consensus earnings growth
14 rates and those from Value Line are those of a single analyst.