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## FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF KANSAS CITY ANNOUNCES OFFICER PROMOTIONS

**KANSAS CITY, MO.** – Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City President and Chief Executive Officer Esther George announced the following promotions and officer appointments:

Assistant Vice President **Porcia Block** has been promoted to vice president in the Bank's Supervision and Risk Management Division. She will have responsibility for the Applications and Enforcement Department, and the Regional Banking Organizations and Operational Risk Supervision functions.

Block joined the Bank in 1998 as an assistant examiner in the Consumer Affairs Department. She served as examiner until her rotation to the Audit Department in 2003. In 2010, she returned to the Bank as an examiner in the Consumer Affairs Department and was appointed assistant vice president of the Consumer Affairs Department. In 2017, she expanded her responsibilities to serve as assistant secretary to the Bank's Board of Directors. Block holds a B.S. in finance from Creighton University and a M.B.A. from Benedictine College. She is a certified Regulatory Compliance Manager, a certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialist and a graduate of the School of Banking in Boulder, Colorado.

**Max Gwin**, previously SRM manager at the Bank's Denver branch, has been appointed assistant vice president of exams and inspections of regional banking organizations. Gwin joined the Bank in 2009 as an assistant examiner in the Examinations and Inspections Department. He then served in various management roles with the team, most recently overseeing business technology risk and information technology examination staff. Gwin holds a B.A. in finance from the University of Northern Colorado and is also a graduate of the University of Colorado's Graduate School of Banking.

**David Smith** will rotate to the Economic Research Division as assistant vice president of the Center for Advancement of Data and Research in Economics (CADRE). He will be responsible for CADRE operations and staff development. Smith was previously a manager in

the Information Technology and Customer Support Division.

Smith joined the Bank in 2009 as a senior analyst in the Accounting Department. He was named staff supervisor in 2010 with responsibility for billing operations. In 2013, David rotated to the Treasury, Payments and Program Management Division where he held assistant manager and manager roles for Treasury business lines. He was promoted in 2017 and rotated to his current role in the Customer Contact Center in 2018. David holds a B.S.B.A and M.B.A. from Northwest Missouri State University.

As the regional headquarters of the nation's central bank, the Kansas City Fed and its branch offices in Denver, Oklahoma City and Omaha serve the seven states of the Tenth District: Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Wyoming, northern New Mexico and western Missouri.

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