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Nathan Kauffman

Senior Vice President and Branch Executive for the Omaha Branch

Mr. Kauffman serves as the Bank's regional economist and representative in the state of Nebraska, recruits and works closely with the Branch's board of directors, and is responsible for briefing the Kansas City Fed's president on economic and business activity in the state. In addition, he leads several Bank and Federal Reserve System efforts to track agricultural and rural economies and provides insights on agricultural and rural issues to Bank officials, business, banking and industry groups, and the media.

Mr. Kauffman's current research focuses primarily on commodity market analysis, agricultural policy, and rural finance. His additional research interests include international rural development and agricultural trade.

Mr. Kauffman joined the Bank in 2012 as an economist in the Regional, Public and Community Affairs Division and was named assistant vice president and Omaha Branch executive in 2013. He was promoted to vice president in 2018. He was named to his current position in December 2022.

Mr. Kauffman holds a B.A. degree in Chemistry from Malone College and a Ph.D. in Economics from Iowa State University. Prior to receiving his Ph.D., he led agricultural economic development projects in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Tara Humston

Senior Vice President, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City

Ms. Humston is responsible for the supervision of the District's state member banks and bank holding companies, as well as the Bank's discount window and risk management functions, and national responsibilities for technology initiatives supporting supervision staff in all districts. She is a member of the Bank's Management Committee, which is responsible for strategic planning and policy direction. Ms. Humston also currently serves as the co-chair for the Federal Reserve System's Community Banking Management Oversight Group.

Ms. Humston joined the Bank in 1998 as an analyst in the Statistical Services Department and transferred to the Examinations and Inspections Department as an assistant examiner in 1999. She was promoted to manager in 2005 and then assistant vice president in 2010 with responsibility for the division's administrative services, information services and surveillance and risk analysis functions. In 2016, she was appointed vice president with responsibility for the Tenth Federal Reserve District's community bank supervision activities, leading the Kansas City Fed's examination and inspection teams across the District's seven states. From 2015 to 2016, she served as the assistant secretary for the Bank's Board of Directors.

Ms. Humston is a native of Topeka, Kansas, and holds a bachelor's degree in accounting and business administration from the University of Kansas.

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Nicholas Hatz

Assistant Vice President, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City

Nicholas Hatz is an Assistant Vice President in the Supervision and Risk Management Division of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City and is located in the Omaha Branch. He oversees a team responsible for conducting safety and soundness examinations of state member banks and the inspections of bank holding companies located in Nebraska. Nick started his career at the Denver Branch after working as a lender at a community bank for a year. He transferred to the Omaha Branch in July 2009 and was appointed to his current Assistant Vice President position in 2012. Nick holds a B.S. degree in Business Administration and Economics from Nebraska Wesleyan University, Lincoln, Nebraska, and an M.B.A. from Regis University, Denver, Colorado. He is also a graduate of the Agricultural LEAD program at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Ryan Harwell

Vice President, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City

Ryan Harwell is a Vice President in the Examinations and Inspections Department at the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, with responsibility for the 10th District's community bank safety and soundness supervision program. Ryan joined the Reserve Bank as an examiner in 2005 and was appointed Assistant Vice President in 2014. He was promoted to Vice President in 2018 and assumed his current role in 2020. In addition to leading the community bank supervision function, Ryan has held leadership responsibilities for the discount window, master account administration, financial institutions data collections, bank surveillance and risk analysis, and other administrative functions. Ryan holds a B.S. degree in Business Administration and Economics from William Jewell College, Liberty, Missouri and an M.B.A degree from the University of Missouri-Kansas City, Kansas City, Missouri.

Trina Chapman

Assistant Vice President, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City

Trina Chapman is an Assistant Vice President in the Consumer Affairs Department at the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City. She has joint responsibility for the supervision of the 10th District's community state member banks as it relates to compliance with federal consumer laws and regulations and the Community Reinvestment Act. Ms. Chapman joined the Reserve Bank in 2001 as an examiner in the Consumer Affairs Department and was promoted to manager in 2006. She was appointed Assistant Vice President with responsibility for the Denver Cash Services Department in 2011 and assumed her current position in 2012. Trina holds a B.B.A degree in marketing from the University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana, and has completed the Graduate School of Banking at Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Kelly Lammers

Kelly Lammers was appointed by Governor Pete Ricketts as the Director of Nebraska Department of Banking and Finance on September 8, 2020. Lammers began his department career as a field examiner in Kearney, Nebraska in 1984. Since that initial exciting and humbling day, he has had the opportunity to serve with titles such as Senior Examiner, Review Examiner, IT Administrator, and Deputy Director. He holds a bachelors and MBA from the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, and is a graduate of the Colorado Graduate School of Banking. Lammers is also Chairman of the Education Foundation Board of Trustees for the Conference of State Bank Supervisors (CSBS), a member of the CSBS Non-depository supervisory committee and a member of the CSBS Board of Directors.