Bank’s longest-serving employee retires

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Recently leaders and staff at the Kansas City Fed said congratulations and farewell to Trudie Hall, who retired after 53 years of service to the Bank.

Hall, a Community and Public Affairs specialist, began her career as a clerk typist in the Accounting Department after returning from college and responding to a newspaper ad. She retired as the longest tenured employee in the Reserve Bank’s history. In 2020, when she reached the 50-year service milestone, Hall received a certificate of recognition from Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell.

For many years, Hall led leadership development programs, including the Kansas City Student Board of Directors and Summer at the Fed, which focused on high school and college students, respectively. She was a founding member of the Bank’s Fed Masters public speaking club and served as a mentor for colleagues seeking to improve their presentation skills. She also represented the Money Museum and served in numerous other roles over the years.

Hall’s accomplishments were recognized at a retirement reception at the bank in early September, attended by many former students, colleagues and bank leaders.

Among those present was former bank president Esther George, who retired earlier in 2023. Hall’s service spanned all or parts of the tenures of five Kansas City Fed presidents, starting with George Clay in 1970 and ending with Jeff Schmid, who began in August 2023.
Former Kansas City Fed President Esther George (left) joined Trudie Hall at Hall’s retirement ceremony. Photo by Gary Barber