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Get to Know Your Information Security Manager!

By SALLY KEARNEY
Office of Communications

Did you know that each division and office has an Information Security Manager (ISM)? These experts wear many hats—serving as advisors, risk assessors, and problem solvers—as they work to protect information security and privacy at the FDIC. ISMs partner with you to keep the FDIC’s information safe and private matters private. Getting to know your ISM is a good way to make sure you are on the right track and have a contact if and when you need one.

ISMs serve on the front lines of the FDIC’s Information Security Management Program, which increases the effectiveness of our agency cybersecurity risk-management program. ISMs are on hand to ensure that we all take an enterprise-wide approach to information security and privacy.

“ISMs understand the Corporation’s security and privacy requirements and how they impact their division’s or office’s business,” said Brian Seborg, ISM Program Manager for Chief Information Security Officer Howard Whyte. “They

play an important role in helping the FDIC user community apply security and privacy best practices to their everyday jobs. They reinforce the idea that security and privacy are everyone’s responsibility.”

So do you have a question about the FDIC’s password requirements? Or would you like some more information about a topic you came across in the annual Security/Privacy Awareness training? Maybe you’re responsible for systems in your program area that contain sensitive information or Personally Identifiable Information (PII) and need to ensure that this information is protected. Are you continually tricked into clicking on links/attachments in the FDIC’s simulated phishing emails? Did you misplace some documents containing confidential information or lose your agency phone or laptop?

Your ISM is available to provide insight and guidance in all of these situations. “We are here to help,” said ISM John Mercado, who serves the Office of the Chief Information Officer, DIT branches, Corporate University, and certain

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Executive Offices. In addition to helping users directly, Mercado explained, ISMs carry out a variety of tasks, including working with project managers to ensure that systems in development meet security requirements and responding to audit requests. ISMs also investigate security incidents and monitor and enforce security training compliance.

ISM Victoria Hill shares responsibility

for RMS with her co-worker, ISM Barbara Strong. Hill said that much of her day is devoted to incident response and “over-seeing applications to ensure that security controls are in place.” Both Hill and Strong also speak with Corporate Employee Program (CEP) participants as part of their security and privacy awareness outreach. “We use real-life incidents to illustrate the importance of prevention so that Financial Institution Specialists are able to protect FDIC information and the data they retrieve

from financial institutions.”

Mercado and Hill say that dealing with the myriad responsibilities of an ISM keeps them engaged. “What I like about this job is there is never a dull moment,” Mercado said.

“Everyone in RMS is busy and wants to get their work done, but we want to make sure that the data we work with in RMS are secure and protected,” said Hill. “For us, that means staying focused and alert.”



Information Security Managers (ISMs) and Support Staff, with Executives, from left: front row, CIOO/ISPS ISM John Mercado (also responsible for CU, certain DIT branches, and certain offices); Lien Nguyen and Avinash Sarin, both ISM support (DRR); Chief Information Security Officer Howard Whyte; RMS ISM Victoria Hill; DIR ISM Jack Talbert; DCP ISM Dale Witherspoon; and CIOO/ISPS ISM Reem Nazzal-Hajeer (also responsible for certain DIT branches). Back row: DOA ISM Lynn VanHorn; Brian Seborg, Chief, Security Policy and Compliance Section (CIOO/ISPS); Rhonda Offei, ISM support (Legal); Dave Beaudoin, ISM support (Legal); OIG ISM Philip Roman; and RMS ISM Barbara Strong. Not shown here: Legal ISM Marybeth Dormuth; DOA ISM Kim Berger; DOF ISM Anita Butler; DRR ISM Ed Collins; Chris Pangburn, ISM Support (DRR-Dallas); and William Phillippe, Shawn Scott, and Van Stover, all ISM Support (DRR).

New Leader Program Participants Discover Avenues for Growth

An external development program for CG 7-10 employees offers multiple opportunities to learn and develop.

By SALLY KEARNEY
Office of Communications

A few assorted goals—enhancing her resume, learning a new skill—were what Jasmine Rivera had in mind when she applied to the FDIC’s New Leader Program (NLP) in 2015. These initial expectations stand in sharp contrast to what Rivera actually experienced and accomplished during the program’s six-month curriculum. Instead, Rivera found horizons opening up everywhere. And when the program came to an end, Rivera was invited to deliver remarks at the commencement ceremony, an honor reserved for only a small number of NLP participants across government.

The NLP is one of four Graduate School, USA external leadership development programs sponsored through Corporate University. Available to full-time, permanent CG 7-10 employees throughout the federal government, the program features a schedule filled with developmental opportunities. A 360-degree assessment kicks off the program, giving participants a chance to identify strengths and areas for improvement. Participants create an action plan that undergoes reviews and revisions until it reflects practical avenues to pursue career and life goals. Several developmental assignments expose participants to different parts of the agency and to potential career paths: among them, a 30-day developmental assignment; three weeklong residential sessions; and a three-day shadowing assignment. Two NLP sessions are offered each year, in early spring and late summer.

Taking the Wheel

What Rivera first perceived as setbacks—confronting the results of her 360-degree peer feedback and revising her action plan—were soon recognized as breakthroughs. She realized that she needed to take a different approach. She related the story in her commencement remarks. “I used to be that individual who actively avoided confrontation instead of addressing issues head on, choosing to keep my concerns to myself even if that meant al-

lowing my problems to fester,” she told her fellow NLP graduates. “I was the individual who believed that my hard work should stand alone, and I’d get everything I earned based on merit. And I also allowed others to control my career experiences. The NLP has given me tools for engaging in healthy conflict, helped me to see the value that differing personalities and perspectives bring to the table, taught me the power of self-promotion and networking, and reiterated that I am the only one who can control where my career takes me.”

Rivera also began asking for help. “I was used to being the go-to person, the person who got it done,” Rivera later said. “As a result of the NLP, I learned to count on other people and to delegate. I saw the importance of having a support system because you can’t do it all by yourself.”

Rivera also began speaking up more. “I used to believe that keeping my head down would keep me far removed from the politics that play out in the office, but I was actually depriving myself of a voice and my agency of a fresh perspective and viable talent.”

Several interviews with FDIC managers boosted Rivera’s confidence, as she pointed out in her commencement remarks. “A recurring theme [of the interviews] was not to allow anyone or anything to limit my reach, including myself,” she said. Instead of scrolling past vacancy announcements that call for specialized experience, Rivera said she now adds those skills to her list of things to learn “to prepare for the next vacancy.” This approach clearly worked because Rivera was recently selected for a detail assignment in another region starting in May.

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A commencement speaker at her graduation ceremony, Jasmine Rivera told her fellow NLP participants that the program helped her take charge of her career.

would keep me far removed from the politics that play out in the office, but I was actually depriving myself of a voice and my agency of a fresh perspective and viable talent. As highlighted in one interview, everyone has value, and it is a disservice to myself and others when I choose to disengage.”

Reflecting on her experience with the NLP, Rivera said, “I never thought I would learn so much or grow so much. Putting myself in the driver’s seat has made me more ambitious about what I want to do.”

A Game Changer

The NLP gave Cheyann Houts a glimpse into her future. After transferring from the Office of Thrift Supervision to the FDIC Dallas Regional Office, Houts became a Program Administrator in the DIR Data Collection and Analysis Section. A few years went by, and Houts thought about trying something different, so in 2015 she applied to the NLP.

As an NLP participant, Houts embarked on a succession of interviews with FDIC

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executives and managers. “The NLP is a great networking tool,” she said. “I found that when I asked for an interview and mentioned that I was in the New Leader Program, people were very responsive. FDIC leadership definitely supports the NLP. Even during my interviews, executives suggested other people I should interview.”

While Houts gained broad exposure to different FDIC areas with the interviews, an assignment with Corporate University (CU) in Dallas offered firsthand experience in a single area. “I knew that CU was the place where I really wanted to be,” Houts said. “What I love about CU is being part of succession management and working with new hires to train the next generation of the FDIC workforce.”

Houts also completed an assignment with Corporate Employee Program (CEP) Director Wayne Evans at headquarters. “It was fantastic,” Houts said. “I was able to assist with two CEP hiring events, CEP and FMS (Financial Management Scholars) orientations, and graduation. This experience gave me a better idea of what we are doing to ensure succession management.”

Shortly after Houts graduated from the NLP in 2015, she applied for and was offered a promotion as a Course Administrator with CU in Dallas. “The coursework and assignments in the New Leader Program highlighted the competencies in which I excelled and also helped to develop new skills,” she said. “Ultimately, participating in the NLP took my career to a ‘whole ‘nother level.’”



As an NLP participant, Cheyann Houts enjoyed an assignment with Corporate University so much that she applied for a promotion to CU and was selected for the job.

Persistence Pays

Kathy Corrigan is excited about her upcoming six months in the 2017 New Leader Program. Not only do many possibilities lie ahead for Corrigan, but being accepted into the program was the culmination of a long-held dream. A Home Mortgage Dis-

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2017 NLP participant Kathy Corrigan plans to make the most of her time in the program and is excited about the opportunities that lie ahead.

closure Act (HMDA) Analyst with DCP in the Columbus, Ohio, Field Office, Corrigan was a runner-up for the NLP two years ago. She fine-tuned her application, but was turned down the next year. “So I asked Delaine Walker for help and advice, and she was wonderful,” Corrigan said. “She gave me great feedback on my application, and I polished it last year. This year I re-submitted it, my supervisor provided her write-up, and I was selected.”

The wait has only added to Corrigan’s enthusiasm and her determination to make the most of the program. “I am really looking forward to it,” she said. “There is real value in the NLP.” 🏠

TRANSITIONS

When **Barbara Mullen-Roth** became the FDIC's Ethics Program Manager, she brought with her a substantial background in the field of government ethics. She also had the benefit of some FDIC experience, having spent four months as a member of the Ethics Program staff prior to accepting the Program Manager position. "It was my good fortune to come in as a worker bee because it gave me the opportunity to become familiar with the FDIC Ethics Program and to get to know folks," Mullen-Roth said. "One of the keys to a successful ethics program is relationships. Bob [Fagan] certainly preached that message, and I am a follower of that philosophy."

Before joining the FDIC in April 2016, Mullen-Roth spent 26 years with the Office of Government Ethics (OGE), the standard-setter for ethics in the executive branch of the federal government. While there, she had the opportunity to deal with all manner of ethics issues and questions stemming from government agencies and the White House. Serving in several capacities while at OGE also gave Mullen-Roth a broad and deep perspective of ethics issues and programs. "OGE was a great place to work because it offered me a lot of opportunities to advance and try new things," she said. "As a result, nothing ever became routine. I felt like I was moving to new jobs without changing my commute."

During her initial years with OGE, Mullen-Roth handled frontline ethics problems and agency ethics inquiries. Subsequently, she oversaw and managed OGE's ethics education and training program. Next, she moved into OGE's International program, assisting developing countries with building ethics programs and fighting corruption. "Some developing countries' anti-corruption efforts were not stable be-

cause they lacked a foundational structure," she said. "One leader may be an advocate for fighting corruption, but another person may come in and do away with the effort."

From this position, Mullen-Roth was promoted into the Senior Executive Service and took on leading OGE's Office of Administration. In this role for over six years, she was responsible for the agency's business functions, including procurement, facilities, HR, and personnel security. "Serving in this role gave me a well-rounded understanding of and appreciation for the entirety of a government agency," she said.

In her final turn at OGE, Mullen-Roth returned to the ethics program and oversaw financial disclosure operations, including the review of reports submitted annually by Presidential appointees. She also played a role in implementing a new executive branch-wide electronic public financial disclosure system. Throughout her career, and as a result of her experience, Mullen-Roth was also called upon as

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a problem-solver when needed.

Mullen-Roth actually began her federal government career with the Government Accountability Office (GAO), formerly the General Accounting Office, where she served for four-and-a-half years. "GAO was a wonderful place to start because it covers every executive branch agency and program. My assignments ran the gamut from housing issues at the Department of Housing and Urban Development to a review of retrofitting submarines at Pearl Harbor. GAO teaches you how to learn quickly and thoroughly."

The high point of her GAO tenure was serving at the agency's Honolulu office, which was responsible for reviewing programs at military bases and embassies in the Pacific Rim. The job afforded her many opportunities to travel internationally. Mullen-Roth made trips to Hong Kong, Japan, India, and Indonesia.

As FDIC Ethics Program Manager, Mullen-Roth manages a staff of seven and coordinates with about 100 Deputy Ethics Counselors throughout the FDIC. ♣

MOVING ON

Moving On: Michael R. Paslawskyj

DIR Atlanta Regional Economist Michael R. Paslawskyj retired on April 28.

Name: Michael R. Paslawskyj, CBE

When and where joined the FDIC: January 22, 2008, in Atlanta, Georgia

Career highlights: At the FDIC, speaking on the economy before 600 Alabama bankers and receiving my Certified Business Economist (CBE) designation from the National Association for Business Economics (NABE).

Other experience: For my entire 40 year career, a highlight was being the Chief Economist at a major financial services company during the 1990s and early 2000s. Other highlights include serving as President of the New Jersey chapter of NABE; serving as an adjunct college economics professor; making a presentation to the Italian Trade Commission in Milan Italy; meeting Milton Friedman; being quoted in *Business Week*, the *Wall Street Journal*, the *Washington Post*, and *USA Today*; and being inter-

viewed by *Bloomberg Radio*. On a more personal note, highlights include serving as Vice President of Finance for the Morris-Sussex Council of the Boy Scouts of America; serving as Vice President of Finance for Morris Catholic High School; serving as Vice Chairman of the New Jersey Council on Economic Education; and attending annual meetings of various railroad historical societies.

Plans for retirement: Traveling and pursuing my various hobbies, especially trains. Also, teaching economics and business at a local college or technical school. I also plan to do some volunteering. My wife and I will remain in our Cumming, Georgia, home; we



Michael Paslawskyj, watching trains on a warm summer day.

love it here.

Comments and thoughts: It has been a great run, but after more than 40 years it's time to hang it up and try something different. Thanks to the FDIC for an interesting and rewarding 9 plus years, and best of luck to all of you. 🙏

MOVING ON

Moving On: Garnet Nickens

DRR Administrative Specialist Garnet Nickens retired on December 31, 2016.

Name: Garnet Nickens

When and where joined the FDIC: I joined the RTC in 1990 at headquarters.

Career highlights: My most recent FDIC title was Administrative Specialist in the Planning and Resource Management Section of DRR. Mary Laverty is the Assistant Director of Planning and Resource Management under DRR Director Bret Edwards, and I reported directly to DRR Manager Sharon Robbins.

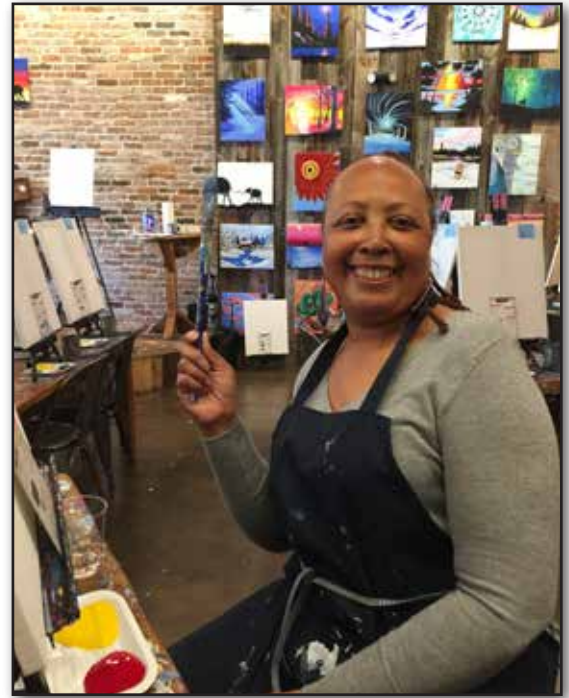
At the RTC, I worked with various senior executives in the mergers and acquisitions area, and at the FDIC, I worked with several executives in what is now DRR.

Other experience: I began my career working as a Directory Assistance Operator with the New York Telephone Company. I provided directory assistance to New York's five boroughs: Manhattan, Brooklyn, Queens, Staten Island, and the Bronx. Imagine sitting in a cubicle with gigantic telephone books all around you. When a request for a phone number or address

came in, we had to find that number in less than two minutes. It was a fun job, which I loved.

I later moved to Virginia and worked for the Smithsonian Institution. I began in the typing pool at the Smithsonian and worked in the "Castle," one of the more famous Smithsonian buildings. During that time, I served temporarily in various areas. I loved working on the National Mall, as I was exposed to many areas of the Smithsonian. I had the opportunity to work in the National Air and Space Museum, and several other museums before being assigned as Secretary to the Office of Fellowships and Grants.

Plans for retirement: I want to stay active and take some Zumba and yoga classes. I also plan to take some art classes and volunteer at a homeless shelter.



Comments and thoughts: I have had the opportunity to work with many wonderful people, including Sherwin Koopmans, Tony Scalzi, Paul Ramey, Gail Patelunas, Hank Abbott, Douglas Stinchcum, Jim Wigand, Mary Laverty, and Sharon Robbins. I also enjoyed many great friendships with too many colleagues to mention here. 🏠

MOVING ON

Moving On: Robert P. Kinzer

DOF Senior Financial Analyst Robert P. Kinzer retired on March 31, 2017.

Name: Robert P. Kinzer

Location: Virginia Square

When and where joined the FDIC: 1996, when the Resolution Trust Corporation was merged into the FDIC.

Career highlights: I coordinated and organized the deposit claims process at savings and loan closings for the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation. I also oversaw and coordinated Washington, D.C., operations for the six RTC Financial Service Centers at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania; Atlanta, Georgia; Kansas City, Missouri; Dallas, Texas; Denver, Colorado; and Costa Mesa, California, which provided the accounting, management, and disposition of acquired assets from failed savings associations. I produced the monthly and quarterly financials of the FDIC, which were distributed to the Chairman, FDIC Board, executives, managers, and the public.

I recently had the pleasure of being detailed to the DCP Community Affairs Outreach and Program Development Section. It was the most rewarding and fulfilling experience. I traveled around the country to help encourage, promote, and teach financial education and economic inclusion. I made presentations to state legislators, education administrators, teachers, and

consumers. I had the opportunity to work with some of the most gifted and talented FDIC employees at headquarters and in the field. The work the Community Affairs Branch performs often goes unrecognized and unmentioned, but it is so valuable to the mission of the FDIC and our country.

Other experience: I have worked with financial education and literacy in my spare time for many years. I am the President of the Literacy Institute for Financial Enrichment (LIFE). I actually love saying I am the President of LIFE!

I founded LIFE in 2003 as a 501(c)3 educational and charitable nonprofit organization that provides educational programs and resources to individuals, families, and youths and helps consumers take control of their financial futures. In doing so, LIFE also strives to strengthen the communities in which these individuals and their families live. Based in the Metropolitan Washington D.C./Maryland area, LIFE works to develop, nurture, and promote meaningful partnerships with nonprofits, governmental agencies, community-based organizations, and faith-based institutions to implement comprehensive programs that help develop financially stable individuals, families, and communities.



Plans for retirement: I plan to continue to promote and teach financial education to youths, young adults, adults, and senior citizens at faith-based and community-based organizations.

Comments and thoughts: My career at FSLIC, RTC, and the FDIC has been one of an abundance of joy and the establishment of great relationships. The experience and skills that I have obtained through the years are second to none. So many people have helped me along the way, and that is what I have learned the most. You cannot do it all by yourself! The best in each of us brings out the best in all of us! 🙏

IN MEMORIAM

Dmitriy Barengolts

*Coordinator and IT Specialist,
DOA Management Services Branch,
Headquarters*

Dmitriy Barengolts died on February 24 at his home in Sterling, Virginia, surrounded by his family.

Barengolts was a valued Internet Coordinator and IT Specialist in the Division of Administration (DOA) at headquarters. He was a highly regarded and consummate professional who loved his job and his co-workers. Even during the late stages of his disease, he insisted on coming to work, enjoyed the companionship of his colleagues, and proudly served his clients. "Dmitriy had a huge heart, wonderful spirit, and compassion for others," said Dan Bender, DOA Assistant Director of the Management Services Branch. "He never stopped fighting and remained optimistic and strong for himself and his family throughout the past few years. He was extremely talented in many regards and will leave a rich legacy and countless memories." Barengolts was awarded the DOA Employee of the Year award and received many other impressive accolades throughout his career.

Barengolts is survived by his wife Yelena, daughter Anya, son Gregory, father Yakov, brother Boris, and identical twin brother Alex.

Gregory Ernest Eller

*Deputy Chief Accountant, RMS,
Headquarters*

Gregory Ernest Eller, 60, died on January 27 at OHSU Hospital in Portland, Oregon, surrounded by his wife, niece, and cousin.

Eller was born on July 22, 1956, in Walla Walla, Washington, the son of Ernest Eller and Milicent Wonder Eller. He grew up in Spokane, where he graduated from high school in 1974. The first person in his immediate family to graduate from college, Eller earned an economics degree from the University of Washington. He also earned master's degrees in business administration and public accounting from the University of Washington and in tax from the University of Southern California.

His intellectual curiosity, tenacity, and confidence were a natural fit with his chosen career as an expert in complex banking and regulatory accounting issues.

While he also worked in the private sector, Eller spent much of his career in public service with the Federal Reserve Board, Federal Home Loan Bank Board, Federal Housing Finance Agency, and, in his final years, the FDIC, where he was Deputy Chief Accountant with the Division of Risk Management Supervision (RMS) at headquarters.

Throughout his life, Eller found great satisfaction in reading; taking road trips with wife Sarah on two-lane highways across the United States; discovering hidden American gems at such locations as Blue Ridge Institute's Folklife Festival at Ferrum College; and cooking at home, approaching each recipe like a science project.

Eller called himself a curmudgeon even as a young, serious college student, but his sly, erudite sense of humor and winning smile charmed his family, friends, and colleagues.

Eller was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Constance Marie. He is survived by his wife of 33 years, Sarah Sand Eller; nieces Michelle and Charissa; grandnieces and a grandnephew; and eight cousins and their extended families, who make up the sprawling, warm embrace of the "West Side Ellers" and the "Portland Ellers."

Much of the information in this obituary was taken from an obituary published by Crown Memorial Centers in Oregon.

Kenneth Albert Laun

*Former Review Examiner; Former Division
of Supervision, Headquarters*

Kenneth Albert Laun died on January 1 at the age of 76.

Laun grew up in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater with a bachelor's degree in business administration.

He joined the FDIC in 1964 as an Assistant Examiner in the Milwaukee Field Office. He earned his commission in 1969 and graduated in 1974 from the Southwest Graduate School of Banking at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas.

In 1978, Laun transferred to headquarters and served as a Review Examiner for the Problem Banks Section in the former Division of Supervision. He also served for many years as an instructor with the Graduate School of Banking at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He retired from the FDIC in 1996.

Laun was devoted to his wife, Barbara, whom he met in college. He was a caring father to his three sons, immersing himself in their many activities. He helped run wrestling tournaments, was a timer for swim meets, became a marching band and concert patron, and supported the sailing team. He was equally dedicated with his grandchildren, participating in many of their activities.

Laun was also deeply involved with the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, serving as an usher and teaching vacation Bible school.

After retiring from the FDIC, Laun served as a substitute teacher in the Fairfax County Public Schools. Laun and his wife also volunteered as drivers for Shepherd's Center of Annandale-Springfield, taking elderly residents to their medical appointments.

Laun is survived by his wife, Barbara; sons Joe, Dave, and Bob; and five grandchildren.

Much of the information in this obituary was taken from an obituary on the website of the Fairfax Memorial Funeral Home in Fairfax, Virginia.

Eleanor Mae Chambers Jackson

*Former Assistant Chief of Personnel,
Headquarters*

Eleanor Mae Chambers Jackson died on March 27 in Rockville, Maryland.

Jackson was born on September 5, 1931, in Washington, D.C. She spent much of her youth in Wheeling, West Virginia, and later moved, due to her father's military service, to Fort Huachuca, Arizona. Her family subsequently returned to the nation's capital, and Jackson attended Dunbar High School, graduating in 1948. She also attended Howard University. She married Clive Edward Jackson in 1949 and later moved to Rockville.

Jackson enjoyed a 40-year career with the federal government, beginning in 1952. She served with several agencies and ended her career with the FDIC, retiring in 1992. Throughout the decades, she frequently mentored young people and helped them launch their careers.

Jackson was actively involved in voter registration and was a volunteer with Jack and Jill of America, an organization of mothers dedicated to nurturing future African American leaders. She participated in

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different ministries, including the Unitarian Church of Rockville and Silver Spring United Methodist Church.

A lover of the arts, Jackson frequented the Kennedy Center and Arena Stage and enjoyed attending theater productions, art exhibits, piano concerts, and flower shows. She volunteered at the Renwick Gallery and the National Building Museum.

Jackson was also an inveterate traveler who visited more than 25 countries, including Portugal, Egypt, Brazil, and her favorite destination, Norway.

Jackson is survived by children Eleanor Lucille Jackson, Jocelyn Jackson Esposito, Cheryl Jackson Fryer, C. Ian Jackson, and Gavin Edward Jackson; 10 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Wayne Edward Evans

Former Examiner

Wayne Edward Evans, age 70, died on January 2 at St. Mary's Hospital in Tucson, Arizona.

Evans was born in Chicago, Illinois, and spent most of his life in Wisconsin. He served in the U.S. Army in Vietnam during the war.

Evans also earned an MBA and became an FDIC examiner in the 1970s, joining the Madison, Wisconsin, Field Office. Later he moved to the Milwaukee Field Office, where he spent the latter part of his career until he retired.

After retirement, Evans moved to Tucson, Arizona, to live near his daughter and grandson.

Friend and colleague Michelle Jourdain fondly recalled Evans' many interests. "Wayne loved cooking; classical music, including the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra; and attending events at Ravinia Festival, the outdoor music festival in Highland Park, Illinois," Jourdain said. "He also loved the Green Bay Packers and watched all of their games on television even after moving to Arizona. The greatest joy of his life was his daughter Whitney, and he was extremely proud to become a grandfather and actively cared for his new grandson."

Evans is survived by daughter Whitney Evans Rayner and grandson Jax William Raynor.

Mark Hopkins

Former Examiner

Mark Hopkins died on January 18 at his home in Rolla, Missouri.

Hopkins was born in Fayette County, Illinois, on September 21, 1928, the ninth of 13 children. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War.

Hopkins was an examiner with the FDIC for 29 years in the Chicago, Illinois, and Orange County, California, Field Offices. Before joining the agency, he was a basketball, football, and baseball coach in Mexico, Missouri.

He was also a member of the Church of Christ and the American Legion. He was involved in the youth basketball, baseball, and softball programs in Rolla and was an avid St. Louis Cardinals fan.

Hopkins is survived by his wife, Donna J. (DJ); sons Kevin Hopkins and Steven Hopkins; daughters Karen (husband Roger) Burton and Kelly Hopkins; grandchildren Michael Burton, Eric Burton, and Nina Hopkins; three great grandchildren; brothers Anthony and Jesse; sisters Hope Coleman and Linda Drake; brother-in-law Ron Bauer; and many nieces, nephews, neighbors, and friends.

Much of the information in this obituary was taken from an obituary that appeared in The Rolla Daily News on January 22.



Dana Lesemann

Counsel, Legal Division, Headquarters

Dana Lesemann, Counsel in the FDIC Legal Division's Consumer Enforcement Unit (CEU), passed away on March 9 at the age of 50, after an extended battle with multiple system atrophy, a rare degenerative neuro-

logical disorder similar to Parkinson's.

Dana had a keen legal mind, and she was a passionate advocate for social justice. She graduated from Duke University School of Law, where she was a member of the Order of the Coif and served as the articles editor for the *Duke Law Journal*. While at Duke, she also organized the "Frontiers of Legal Thought" conference, which brought scholars together from around the country to highlight the legal concerns impacting issues of race and gender.

Dana was a fiercely dedicated public servant, spending the majority of her professional career in federal service. She served as an intern at the United States Supreme Court and, after law school, clerked for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit. She subsequently worked at the Federal Trade Commission, where much of her time was spent on "Project Scholarscam," a consumer protection effort involving fraudulent grant and scholarship services preying on lower- and middle-income students.

Dana later joined the Office of Intelligence Policy and Review at the U.S. Department of Justice, working to identify and prevent acts of terrorism against the United States, and she was later detailed as Counsel to the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks on the United States and to the Joint House-Senate 9/11 Inquiry (9/11 Commission), evaluating the performance of the FBI's counterterrorism division. In this role, Dana's trademark confidence, assertiveness, and dogged determination to find the truth were displayed. In his book, "The Commission; The Uncensored History of the 9/11 Investigation," *New York Times* Reporter Philip Shenon described Dana, saying: "Lesemann was that rare thing on the commission... she would not be intimidated..."

In 2011, Dana brought her passion for justice and investigative skills to the FDIC, where she became one of the founding members of the CEU. Among her many accomplishments, Dana served as one of the lead attorneys in a 2012 case that resulted in approximately \$200 million in refunds to consumers, the largest consumer restitution settlement obtained by the FDIC. Dana also worked with her risk management enforcement colleagues on the 2011-2012 investigation of and actions against the former

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officers and directors of a failed thrift, arising from the underwriting of negative-amortization, option adjustable rate mortgages (ARMs). These settlements represented the first actions taken in the wake of the 2008 mortgage crisis in which bank officers were held personally responsible for their roles in misconduct that harmed consumers and posed an undue risk to banks. In the following years, she spearheaded DCP's first investigation into potential consumer law violations, using the FDIC's authority to issue subpoenas and take testimony under oath. Dana also worked with attorneys in the Dallas Regional Office on the first litigated case involving consumer issues, which was decided in the FDIC's favor.

Dana was a loyal friend and avid outdoorswoman, and she had a love of the theater and music. She could converse knowledg-

ably about a wide range of topics. Those who had the pleasure of working with Dana knew her to always be well-informed, strongly opinionated, courageously outspoken, and guided by an unfaltering moral compass. Marguerite Sagatelian, Senior Counsel of the CEU, recalled Dana's sharp wit and true dedication to righting wrongs inflicted upon consumers. "Dana often told me that one of her goals was to make me laugh at least once a day, and she was usually successful. Dana also inspired me to fight hard to pursue investigations and enforcement actions when consumer harm was evident."

Dana never lost her quick wit and sense of humor, even in her last few days. She displayed bravery and determination as she battled serious illness in the last years of her life, all the while juggling her work and most of all, prioritizing the needs of her greatest joy, her son, Griffin Lesemann Phillips. Even as her medical condition worsened, Dana con-

tinued to advocate on behalf of the FDIC and consumers. She continued to share her trial and investigative experience and expertise, mentoring younger attorneys and law students and working collaboratively with her peers. She always welcomed complicated legal challenges, and her humor, intelligence, legal expertise, and doggedness made working with her a memorable experience. Her passion and zeal will be dearly missed not only by her family, but by current and former colleagues and friends from all over the world.

Dana is survived by her 13-year old son, Griffin; her mother, Joan Lesemann; her two sisters, Mara Lesemann and Amy Lesemann-Elliott; her brothers-in-law and nieces; and her two cats, Lucy and Mittens.

Legal Division staff, including Cheryl Marken, Seth Rosebrock, and Marguerite Sagatelian, contributed to this obituary. 🙏