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Name: Patricia A. Ramos
Most recent position: Regional Administrative Specialist

Division: RMS

Location: Chicago

When and where joined the FDIC: I started as a paralegal with the RTC in 1990 at what was known as the Lake Central Consolidated Office in the suburbs of Chicago. I joined the FDIC in the Chicago Regional Office in downtown Chicago in February 1993.

Other Experience: I am a veteran and served as a journalist in South Carolina, Maryland, and Italy. During my service, I was also a drill sergeant in South Carolina. After my service, I joined the Department of Defense as a civilian for the Department of Defense in Germany.

Career highlights: I enjoyed being part of setting up the RTC office and working on SAMDA contracts. My favorite part of my career was towards the end, working with a fantastic group of people in the Admin Section of RMS/DCP in Chicago.

Retirement Date: August 31, 2021

Plans for retirement: I will be on



Patricia A. Ramos

leave much of this summer and will spend part of each week babysitting for my granddaughters. In the fall, I hope to take a road trip.

Comments and thoughts: I will miss my coworkers when I retire. FDIC has great employees. No one can have such a long career without some tough

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times, but working hard to overcome challenges is rewarding in itself. At my Newcomer Orientation, I was told the

FDIC is the Cadillac of government agencies and it has proven to be true. 🏡

Name: Gene J. Pocase

Most recent position: Senior Risk Examiner

Division: Risk Management Supervision (RMS)

Location: Knoxville, Tennessee

When and where joined the FDIC: I joined the FDIC on June 2, 1986, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Other experience: My family and I moved to the Knoxville, Tennessee Field Office in June 1992 when I successfully posted for a Grade 13.

Career highlights: There have been many high points during my career: I married my wife of now 34 years after completing my 'probationary' year in Baton Rouge, my oldest daughter took her first steps (to the housekeeper) at a Memphis hotel while I was on an Acting Review Examiner (now Case Manager) detail; and my youngest daughter decided she liked bigger cities while I was on detail to RMAS and twice to Policy at DC Headquarters, as well as 26 Shared National Credit assignments in New York City (where she now resides).

Along the way, there were also numerous community bank examinations and teaching sessions at

the training center; banking graduate school in Charlottesville, VA; other details as Acting Field Supervisor, Acting Supervisory Examiner, and temporary Special Assistant to the Regional Director; a variety of DC and Regional special projects; large bank loan and operations reviews; and the initial FDIC mentoring program.

Retirement Date: August 28, 2021

Plans for retirement: My initial plan is to take a break, do a mental dump of technical information I've needed to remember for over 35 years, and reconnect with friends and family that I'm sure I have neglected over the years. I will likely spend more time tending to the yard and a long list of almost forgotten projects, trying to recall how to play golf, hiking in the mountains, and hanging out on the beach. As health and funds permit, my wife and I also plan to do some extensive traveling.

Comments and thoughts: I and others have said this before, but I will miss the people and the camaraderie the most. I have worked with staff in DC Headquarters, each Region, and the field – collectively, they are some of the best and brightest you will find – many



Gene J. Pocase

have become lifelong friends and others more like family. COVID and the related absence of typical interactions have brought a few old sentiments to mind – squeeze the most life out of every day, treat each other as if you may not get to see them again, and, occasionally...just sometimes...don't forget to party like it's 1999! Best wishes to all for continued success. 🏡

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Name: Catherine M. Spencer

Most recent position: Lead Management Analyst

Division: Division of Insurance and Research (DIR)

Location: Headquarters – Washington, DC

When and where joined the FDIC: I joined the FDIC in January 1986 as a Clerk Typist in the Division of Administration's Utility Unit, where I was responsible for providing temporary clerical support to Divisions and Offices. Soon after, I was reassigned to the Legal Division where I worked as an Administrative Clerk/Assistant, performing various administrative duties which began my 35-year career with the FDIC.

Other experience: During the many years of employment with the FDIC, I've held various titles such as Administrative Specialist, Supervisory Administrative Specialist, Management/Lead Management Analyst, and Acting Chief. I have planned, developed and

coordinated work in various program areas such as staffing and classification, recruitment, training, performance management, time and attendance, facilities management and procurement.

I served as advisor to Division managers and employees on personnel management policies and procedures in the Legal Division for 28 years, and the Division of Insurance and Research (DIR) for nearly 7 years. The first 5 years of my Federal employment was as a Clerk Typist in the Stay in School Program at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) while attending College. My experience with the Federal government totals 40 long years and 7 months.

Career highlights: One year and four months in a mandatory telework environment due to COVID-19.

Retirement Date: August 28, 2021

Plans for retirement: Relaxing, reading books, traveling, home improvements, and some volunteer work.

Comments and thoughts: It has been a



Catherine M. Spencer

long ride with the FDIC. I will always remember this place and the many colleagues and friends that I have met along the way. The FDIC is a great Corporation; we have been good to each other. 🙏