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## Moving On

**Name:** Paulette E. Davis  
**Most recent position:** Examination Specialist  
**Division/Office:** Division of Risk Management Supervision (RMS) /Internal Controls and Review Section  
**Location:** Headquarters (Washington, D.C.)

**When and where joined the FDIC:**  
I was recruited from HBCU, The University of the District of Columbia by the Minority Recruiting Task Force (lead by Lenny Glenn, Brent James, and Kirk Holt) in the Spring 1992 and was hired in August 1992 as a Bank Examiner Trainee in the Baltimore Field Office where Phyllis Zumbun served as Field Supervisor and Marlon Cook served as Training Coordinator.

**Other experience:** In May 1994, I transferred to the Talleyville (DE) Field Office where Larry Paul served as Field Supervisor and Benjamin Vaughn served as Training Coordinator, and received my commission in 1995. In 2001, I transferred to Headquarters and worked in the Financial Management and Reporting Section as an Examination Specialist



**Paulette E. Davis**

(Budget and Staffing) where Wayne Evans served as Section Chief and Sandra Thompson served as Division Director of RMS. I also worked as a Review Examiner in the Risk Management and Applications Section (RMAS) where Serena Owens served as Associate Director and Larisa Collado served as Section Chief. Since 2013, I have held the position of Examination Specialist

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# MOVING ON

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(Freedom of Information Act Subject Matter Expert) within RMS' Internal Control and Review Section (ICRS) where Benjamin Vaughn serves Assistant Director and Doreen Eberley serves as RMS Division Director.

**Career Highlights:** As an Assistant Examiner, I worked on a bank examination in Puerto Rico and remembered that the Chief Loan Officer graciously asked if loan discussion could be held in Spanish. My thanks to Galo Cevallos for navigating

me through that discussion. Under the direction of Deputy Director Donna Gambrell, I served on a one-year detail assignment as a Community Affairs Specialist in the New York Regional Office to gain better insight into our roles in community and consumers affairs. During the 2008 banking crisis, although assigned in Headquarters, I volunteered to assist on a bank examination in the Atlanta Region.

**Retirement Date:** December 31, 2022

**Plans for retirement:** Volunteering in the community, serving on the board

at my church, visiting places I want to photograph and spending time with family and friends.

**Comments and thoughts:** I am grateful to everyone who made my career with the FDIC a success. I have had so many mentors during my tenure (many I mentioned above) and so many others who I want to say thank you for taking time to ensure I had the knowledge, skills and the experience opportunities needed to be successful every step on my career journey. Godspeed. 🙏

**Name:** Melody France-Nowlan

**Most recent position:** Program Assistant

**Division/Office:** Division of Administration, Management Services Branch (DOA/MSB)

**Location:** Headquarters (Arlington, Virginia)

**When and where joined the FDIC:**

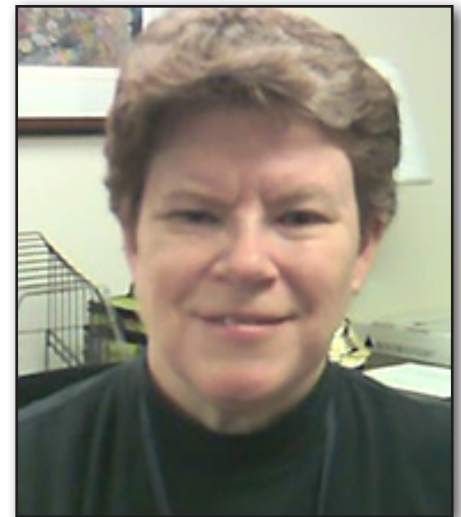
I transferred from the Department of Interior (Bureau of Land Management Offshore and U.S. Geological Survey).

**Other experience:** Teaching American Sign Language (ASL) and rescuing dogs and cats.

**Career Highlights:** I held positions as Support Secretary, Administrative Assistant and Program Assistant.

**Retirement Date:** December 31, 2022

**Plans for retirement:** Enjoy my hobbies of craft and wood making, gardening and travel. 🙏



**Melody France-Nowlan**

**Name:** James Coyle

**Most recent position:** Senior Financial Management Analyst

**Division/Office:** Division of Resolutions & Receiverships (DRR)

**Location:** Dallas Regional Office

**When and where joined the FDIC:**

I joined the FDIC June 1990 South Brunswick Consolidated Office.

**Other experience:** Worked in banking prior to coming to the FDIC.

**Career Highlights:** Being a Financial Manager or Proforma Team Leader on several hundred bank closings.

**Retirement Date:** December 31, 2022

**Plans for retirement:** Traveling throughout the United States and playing a lot of poker. 🙏



**James Coyle**

## MOVING ON

**Name:** Wendy Kloner

**Most recent position:** Counsel

**Division/Office:** Legal Division / Commercial Litigation Unit

**Location:** Headquarters (VASQ)

**When and where joined the FDIC:**

I joined the FDIC Trial Litigation Section in spring 1991.

**Other experience:** Previously with the Department of Justice (DOJ), Civil Division, Federal Programs Branch litigating primarily statutory and constitutional challenges in federal district and appellate courts, advising the White House Counsel's office.

**Career Highlights:** At the FDIC and DOJ, too many to list! At the FDIC, litigated through the Savings and Loan and Great Recession crises. Served as the Chief of the Trial Section's Bank Holding Company Unit for many years. Nego-

tiated several complex environmental settlements with numerous corporations and government agencies in two courts on terms very favorable to the FDIC as Receiver for Washington Mutual Bank. Defended former Chairman Bill Seidman at his deposition in one of the Bank of New England cases, as well as Division Directors and Assistant Directors in various cases. Received a DOJ John Marshall award, along with others on the FDIC Goodwill cases team.

**Retirement Date:** December 31, 2022

**Plans for retirement:** Travel, time with family and friends, making and pursuing a "bucket list", and pro bono work.

**Comments and thoughts:** It has been an honor and a pleasure to work in such a supportive work environment with some of the nicest, smartest people on earth! 🏡



Wendy Kloner

**Name:** Judith A. Matheny (Judy)

**Most recent position:** Financial Investigations Specialist

**Division/Office:** Division of Risk Management Supervision (RMS)

**Location:** Dallas Regional Office, Denver Field Office

**When and where joined the FDIC:**

I joined the FDIC in August 2010 in Denver, CO as a Temporary Crisis Hire. In 2011, I accepted my permanent position.

**Other experience:** To my FDIC federal service, I add 10 years as Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), mostly served in the New York Field Office, and 2.5 years with the Resolution Trust Corporation (RTC) at Denver/ Dallas, plus Vice President (VP) for Security and Investigations at Lehman Brothers (through 2008) and Bankers Trust Company (NYC), and four years Adjunct Professor and Criminal Justice Department Chairman at Remington College, Lakewood, CO.

**Career Highlights:** I have never been bored with the stream of investiga-

tions assigned during my FDIC career. Working cases throughout Dallas' 8-state region, I particularly enjoyed those times when I worked directly with examiners. I served from 2015 – 2019 as Instructor and Facilitator for the FFIEC Fundamentals of Fraud and Advanced Fraud Investigations Techniques courses. I enjoyed my connection with the Denver FO, and felt that the years I spent as CDAC field office rep were quite rewarding.

**Retirement Date:** December 31, 2022

**Plans for retirement:** Writing mystery novels has been a hobby for twenty years, so I will first devote time to getting some of them finished and published. My historic home in Jacksonville, FL, purchased during the pandemic, commands lots of attention, as well as our Historic District's annual Garden Tour I help to coordinate. Rotary, family (my daughter's wedding is in the near future), and travel round out my anticipated free time.

**Comments and thoughts:** It's been an honor to work with so many in the FDIC – My Supervisor Jeff McDonald, Special



Judith A. Matheny (Judy)

Activities Case Managers Sonya Ramsey and Ken Buford, the fine legal group in the DRO, my colleagues in the Denver FO and so many others I've connected with during investigations and training. I look forward to a return to an Annuitant position once that is formalized. 🏡



## MOVING ON

**Name:** Brian K. Lewis

**Most recent position:** Senior Financial Analyst

**Division/Office:** Division of Insurance & Research (DIR)

**Location:** Headquarters (Washington, D.C.)

**When and where joined the FDIC:**

I joined DIR in January 2004 in the Washington, DC office.

**Other experience:** Thirteen years at Texaco Inc. in White Plains, NY as a Corporate Finance Manager/Analyst; four years in the U.S. Army as a Signal Corps (communications) officer.

**Career Highlights:** Hired by DIR in 2004 to coordinate the divisional effort to incorporate financial market measures into the risk-based pricing of large bank deposit insurance. Once the initial large

bank risk-based pricing model was implemented in 2007, I was responsible for the ongoing tracking of various financial market measures as well as reviewing quarterly assessments of a portfolio of large banks. I had the privilege of being the only DIR analyst who participated in every large bank assessment review (“draft day”) from first quarter 2007 through third quarter 2022 (63 quarters!).

**Retirement Date:** December 31, 2022

**Plans for retirement:** Spending quality time with friends and family; lots of bicycle rides and adventures; revisiting the challenging game of golf; reading a growing stack of books; addressing an ongoing home maintenance to-do list; potential part-time (fun/meaningful) employment or volunteer work; etc.; I won’t be bored! 🏠



**Brian K. Lewis**

**Name:** James J. Gruneisen

**Most recent position:** Examiner

**Division/Office:** Division of Risk Management Supervision (RMS)

**Location:** Currently Columbus, Ohio. Previous offices include Fort Wayne, IN and Akron, OH

**When and where joined the FDIC:**

I joined the FDIC in June 1986 Fort Wayne, Indiana.

**Other experience:** Retired Lieutenant Colonel of the 179th Airlift Wing, Ohio Air National Guard, Mansfield, Ohio.

**Career Highlights:** Participated in the closing of Amtrust Bank, Cleveland, Ohio. Participated in the Shared National Credit Program working at Bank of America, Deutsche Bank, PNC Bank, Key Bank, Credit Suisse, and JP Morgan Chase. Graduate of the Ohio State University and the Graduate School of Banking, University of Wisconsin at

Madison, Wisconsin. Raised three rescue dogs Jaeger, Roxy and Clara Belle.

**Retirement Date:** December 31, 2022

**Plans for retirement:** I have been working non-stop since the age of sixteen so I plan to relax and enjoy unemployment. My wife Susan and I are avid “cabin people” and we will spend a significant amount of time in the Hocking Hills area of southeastern Ohio. I aim to improve my golf game which will take a lot of time.

**Comments and thoughts:** It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the FDIC for the past 36 years. I have been blessed with colleagues, both junior and senior, that I learned from every day. I will cherish the memories of those who have passed on before me and wish the best of everything for those still working for the FDIC. 🏠



**James J. Gruneisen**

# IN MEMORIAM

## **Bobbie Nell Gray**

*Former Supervisory Community Affairs Specialist, DCP*

Bobbie Nell Gray gained her wings on Thursday, November 3, 2022. Bobbie was born in Greenville, SC to one of four children of Alma Juanita Wright and Calvin Nance on August 6, 1963.

Bobbie's family moved to Washington, DC when she was 7 years old. She graduated from Coolidge High School, while there she was a majorette. Bobbi worked for the Federal Government for over 40+ years, starting at the Department of Commerce and then FDIC until she retired on September 3, 2022. While working at FDIC, Bobbi was a Community Affairs Specialist and helped develop the Money Smart Financial Education Program that helped people to enhance their financial skills.

In 2002, Bobbie married her love of her life, Ernest Gray. Their nickname for each other was "CHUCK." They would take spontaneous trips to Delaware to shop.

Bobbie loved the Lord serving as a member of Westphalia United Methodist Church. She taught Sunday School, Vocational Bible Study, she was a Lay Speaker and a member of the Choir. She loved to sing. Two of her favorite songs were "My Help" and "Don't Cry for Me."

**BOBBIE'S FDIC COLLEAGUES HAD MUCH TO SAY ABOUT HER LIFE AND WORK:**

Daniel Bendler, Deputy To The Chairman & Chief Operating Officer, writes "Bobbie was one of the kindest souls I ever worked with. Her warmth and smile could brighten any day. I am so very sorry and sad to hear of her passing. The FDIC is a better place because of her dedication and public service. Rest in peace, Bobbie."

Luke Reynolds, Regional Manager, DCP (SFRO), writes "I had the honor of working with Bobbie since around 2006. Bobbie was one of the kindest, nicest people I have ever known. Bobbie always had a smile and positive words of encouragement despite the circumstance. Bobbie was always calm despite what was happening. We walked together to Treasury so many times for meetings, we conducted so many trainings together,

we planned so much together. Bobbie's fingerprints in some way were on virtually everything financial education related that came from the FDIC for over a decade. I valued Bobbie as a true friend...we shared so much together. I send my deepest condolences for Bobbie's extremely unfortunate passing. I know Bobbie is in a better place."

Darnell Sutton, Community Affairs Specialist, DCP (NYRO), writes "It was always a pleasure talking to and working with Bobbie. She was one of the nicest people I met in all my years at the FDIC. May she rest in peace and power."

Yolanda Green, Community Affairs Specialist, DCP, writes "Bobbie was one of the first people I met when I started working for the FDIC, she was working in the Division of Administration, Personnel. She helped me fill out my paperwork and credentials and said you're going to love working here. I started in the Office of Consumer Affairs. Years later, the Community Affairs section was created and Bobbie was in a detail position to work in my section and then became permanent. Fast forward some more years and she became my supervisor. Bobbie was a great supervisor, she was a mentor, smart, informative, fair and always wanting the best for her staff. Bobbie wasn't only a supervisor, she was my friend who sat across the hall from me and we would always shout out at each other to share laughs and snacks. I will miss traveling to conferences, going to lunch, sharing laughs and snacks with my friend across the hall. My condolences to the family. She is watching over all of you, and her memories and soul will forever be present. Love Yolanda"

Paola Diaz, Senior Community Affairs Specialist, DCP, writes, "What 3 words best describe Bobbie and why?: Benevolent: Most sympathetic, infinitely and intentionally kind; Boundless: For her unlimited capacity to listen, smile, and be gracious at all times, any circumstances; and Bountiful: Freest in giving compliments and thanks. It was a true pleasure to ask Bobbie for a favor or assist her in any capacity; You always walked away with a smile after every interaction. No one like you my dear friend! Thanks for making me a better person. In your



**Bobbie Nell Gray**

memory, I have already made amends, and hope to continue to be a better colleague to pay tribute to your friendship and example. Love you always!"

LeeAndra Hodges, Program Specialist, DCP, writes "I wanted to send my heartfelt condolences to the family during this time. Bobbie was the most kind, gentle, helpful, and considerate person. Every time I saw her she had a smile on her face and was always cheerful. She was my very first boss while I was an intern at the FDIC and I considered her like a mother figure in a sense. She always wanted to see others do well and reach their goals (she was the best cheerleader by the way). I'm so glad I had the pleasure of working for her and later on becoming a good friend. She and all her encouraging words will definitely be missed. Rest in peace Bobbie.

Cassandra Ashe, Digital Information Specialist, OCOM, writes "having met and worked with Bobbie over the years has been a pleasure. There was always a smile and anytime I reached out asking questions she was right there to provide me with the answer. Bobbie will truly be missed here at the FDIC and beyond, that beautiful spirit is something I'll always remember and her willingness to help others. Thank you for being a blessing in my life and many others."

Sandra Rabba, WorkLife Program Specialist, DOA, writes "Please accept

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### **B. Gray**, *from page 5*

my heartfelt condolences during this time. I always told Bobbie, she was an angel on this earth. I am very fortunate and blessed to share some beautiful memories with Bobbie. She was more than just my supervisor at one point, she was my mentor, my second mother, and my friend. The most selfless, caring, optimistic soul I've ever encountered. Even during her toughest times, she remained so positive, always praising the Lord. She inspired me so much and will continue to do so. Her legacy lives on through all those who encountered her compassion and lively spirit. May her soul rest in peace."

Mindy West (Retired), former Chief of the Policy Section in the former Division of Supervision and Consumer Protection, writes "I met Bobbie while I was still working at the FDIC and have fond memories of her warm, broad smile. During my retirement, I had the pleasure of working with Bobbie several times, collaborating on Money Smart teaching. Her love of financial education was quite evident. I wish my sincere condolences to her family and her coworkers. May her memory be a blessing."

Mary Elizabeth Bass (Retired), writes "Bobbie, I didn't know that the last time I saw you in your office in March 2020, before mandatory telework, and before I retired, that would be the last time we

would speak to each other. You always GREETED me with a BIG WARM SMILE. May you REST in PEACE with the ANCESTORS.

Bobbi was preceded in death by her parents Alma Juanita Wright and Calvin Nance. Bobbi leaves to cherish her memories her loving husband Ernest B. Gray, Jr, her daughter Marquia Whitlock, 4 grandchildren Briana Singletary, Trinity Lyons, Diyonna Lyons, Emmitt Lyons III, Sisters Shelby McCullough, JoAnn Nance, Brother Calvin Nance, preceded in death Richard and Ricky Nance and a host of In-laws, nieces, nephew, family and friends that loved her. 🕊