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## FDIC Welcomes Two Members to its Board of Directors

By Sonya Weakley  
Writer, Office of Communications

The FDIC held a swearing-in ceremony for its two newest Board of Directors members at noon January 5 in the cafeteria of the Main Building in downtown Washington. A recording is available on FDIC TV.

Executive Secretary to the Board Debra Decker administered the oath of office to [Travis Hill](#), who had served as Deputy to the FDIC Chairman for Policy from July 2018 to February 2022, as Vice Chairman of the Board, and [Jonathan McKernan](#),



Newly sworn-in Board members (l-r):  
Director Jonathan McKernan, Chairman Martin Gruenberg, Vice Chairman Travis Hill

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former Senior Counsel at the Federal Housing Finance Agency, as a Director.

FDIC Chairman [Martin Gruenberg](#), sworn in earlier in the day, opened the ceremony with welcoming remarks.

“The presidential nomination and confirmation is a landmark achievement in anyone’s career,” Gruenberg said. “From my standpoint, it is the stuff that dreams are made of.”

He noted that it was his third time being sworn in—as he is a past Board member and a past Chairman. “While it’s extraordinarily meaningful to me, I figured I’d get sworn in this morning, and this event is really for Travis and Jonathan.”

Gruenberg expressed gratitude to President Joe Biden for the nominations, as well as to Senate Banking Committee Chairman Sherrrod Brown and Ranking Member Pat Toomey for moving the nominations through the Senate.

“I believe the FDIC is fortunate in Travis Hill and Jonathan McKernan to have two new board members who are deeply knowledgeable and experienced in financial regulation, who have strong commitment to public service.”

He noted that the swearing-in marked the first time the FDIC has had a full Board since 2015. “I believe the FDIC is strongest when it has a full Board reflecting a

diversity of views as is envisioned by the Federal Deposit Insurance Act.”

In addition to Gruenberg, Hill, and McKernan, the Board includes Michael J. Hsu, Acting Comptroller of the Currency, and Rohit Chopra, Director of the Consumer Finance Protection Bureau.

Hill noted that it was his second tour of duty with the FDIC, adding that he had a great experience when he was previously with the agency.

“This is a great agency, a lot of great people,” Hill said. “I really deeply appreciate what the FDIC does and what it stands for and having left here less than a year ago obviously I made a concerted effort to try to get back here quite fast.”

Hill thanked the FDIC division and office directors and other FDIC staff who were at the ceremony. “It is great to see all of you. I look forward to working again with all of you. I’ve got lots of questions for people.”

He thanked his family for their support and noted that it was strange to have his wife and children accompany him to work. “Over the past several months as this process has been unfolding I’ve had a lot of great quality family time,” he said. “That being said, I am excited to get back to work.”

McKernan thanked Gruenberg for making him feel welcome as part of the

FDIC family. In regard to the Board, he said he was “really excited to see what we’re going to be able to accomplish together.”

He also thanked Senators Brown and Toomey, his family, and the FDIC staff. “We have I think in this nation a financial system that is the envy of the rest of the world and that is in no small part due to the hard work and the integrity of the FDIC staff and I am very eager to work with the FDIC staff and will rely heavily on your expert counsel.”

During his remarks, McKernan recalled the financial crisis of 2008 and the losses it caused. “I say this now to affirm why the FDIC mission resonates so deeply with me.”

He said the ongoing renewal and continued viability of American norms and institutions “depends in part on FDIC succeeding in its mission to foster and promote public confidence in the financial system, so I am so thoroughly thrilled to be here today and very eager to get to work.”

The next FDIC Board meeting is anticipated in February and will be announced at a later date. Employees can watch via livestream on the [FDIC’s YouTube channel](#). 🏠

## CRRS Provides an Agency-wide Approach to Crisis Readiness

By Sonya Weakley  
Writer, Office of Communications

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The FDIC has a different organization handling crisis response. Anyone who provides or needs information on emergency preparedness and continuity of operations should contact the Crisis Readiness and Response Section, created as part of a reorganization in spring 2021 that moved those functions out of the Security and Emergency Preparedness Section.

“The FDIC has a new tool in the tool belt; well, new-ish. This spring will be the two-year anniversary of the Crisis Readiness and Response Section, a DOA office dedicated to preparing for and responding to crises,” CRRS Program Manager Mike Landefeld said.

He said the change was in response to an Inspector General recommendation

to create a centralized office to ensure consistency across the agency in planning for crises ranging from natural disasters to debt ceiling default.

“The FDIC is the best in the business at responding to financial crises—we’ve been doing it for years—but there was no internal mechanism in place to ensure that there was a coordinated,

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agency-wide approach for responding to other types of crises,” Landefeld said. “So CRRS was stood up.”

Since its inception the office has drafted or updated multiple planning documents; including an emergency communications directive and program plan, a continuity of operations plan, and agency-wide plans for natural disasters and emerging infectious disease, based on lessons learned during the pandemic.

CRRS also wrote a crisis action plan in case the national debt ceiling isn’t raised. “The FDIC will need to be prepared to work closely with other financial regulators,” Landefeld said. He said the planning involved talking through the scenarios with the Division of Finance and senior leadership and coming up with a course of action. DOF recently approved the plan.

CRRS also conducted a Division of Administration readiness assessment and workshop series. They met with various branches in DOA to discuss the level of readiness to support surge staffing in the event of a crisis.

Landefeld said the DOA readiness assessment is a good example of how CRRS can provide a central coordinating and support role. Individual offices may do crisis simulations and planning but may not ask whether DOA has the ability to support immediate staffing needs. They assume that ability is there.

“But what happens if multiple parts

of the agency need surge staffing support at once? By adding an office like CRRS, we’re able to ask some of those bigger questions, those more agency-wide approach questions—does [the Acquisition Services Branch] have the bandwidth to issue new contracts or does [Human Resources] have the bandwidth to do the hiring?”

CRRS also encourages the FDIC workforce to think about personal emergency preparedness. The CRRS intranet site has information to help, and Landefeld offered the following tips:

- Talk with family or members of your household about where you will go if told to evacuate/what to do in an emergency. Even talking through it ahead of time can save time and money during a disaster.
- Store important documents and items like passports, birth certificates, maps, and electronics in a flood-safe place like a high shelf or upper floor in re-sealable water-tight plastic bags to help waterproof them. Also keep a digital copy of important documents like insurance policies when possible.
- Become familiar with what kind of disasters and emergencies are most common for where you live, and sign up for emergency alerts in your area to receive life-saving information from your state and local municipality.

- Build and emergency supply kit that contains basics necessities for you and members of your household, such as water (one gallon per person per day for drinking and sanitation), non-perishable food, first aid kit, flashlight, and batteries. Don’t forget to consider pets and any special needs of family/ household members (food allergies, mobility assistance support, etc.).

Additional planning information and helpful resources, such as free planning templates, can be found at [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov).

Anyone with questions about CRRS and its functions are welcome to contact Landefeld or Adam Killian, assistant director. The CRRS intranet page has contact information for the whole team and relevant resources. Landefeld wants people to know which section to reach out to so that information or questions do not need to be re-routed to CRRS.

“I want us to be able to be customer service-focused and have timely, helpful responses to people,” he said. 🏠

# Vacation Voices: Dubai and Cairo

*Where do you go during your time off? We'd like to hear about places employees go for vacations and other personal travel. For this series, we ask employees to share their non-work travel experiences and destinations with their colleagues. We are especially interested in sharing fantastic photos!*

**Name:** Cassandra Ashe

**Division/Office:** Office of Communications

**Title:** Digital Information Specialist

**Location:** Headquarters (Washington, DC)

**Travel Destination:** Dubai and Cairo

**Length of Stay:** 10 days

**Why did you choose this destination?**

This destination was on my "bucket list" of places to travel and visit, so when a few of my family members decided to spend Christmas in Dubai I decided this would be the perfect time to scratch this destination off my list.

**What activities did you participate in?**

There were several activities I participated in that I enjoyed:

- The first portion of my trip included a cruise. Ports visited: Dubai, Abu Dhabi, and Sir Bani Yas. The cruise was amazing and the ship was absolutely beautiful and filled with activities guaranteed to ensure you have a wonderful time.
- I also enjoyed the [Museum of the Future](#) which was absolutely incredible to see what Dubai could look like in 50 years.



- [The Burj Khalifa](#)—the views are absolutely incredible and I purchased my tickets through [Viator](#) (a Tripadvisor company) and also check Groupon for great deals on excursions.

- I enjoyed visiting the [Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque](#) in Abu Dhabi which was PHENOMENAL.

- I visited the [Global Village](#) where the views, shows, dining and shopping were fabulous. My niece purchased two fur coats for \$750.00!!! This was definitely a highlight of the trip for her.

- I enjoyed visiting the [Giza Pyramids](#) in Cairo.

- What was the most exciting thing you did? There were many exciting things, but the one thing that really stood out and took my breath away was visiting the [Giza Pyramids](#) in Cairo. Walking the grounds, seeing the pyramids,



riding a camel was one of the highlights. The most humbling experience of my visit was being a blessing to a young child I saw wandering the streets begging for money and my group gave him American currency which he was confused by, however, once our tour guide converted the American currency to Egyptian Pound (EGP) we were surprised to learn that we'd given him \$600 in Egyptian currency. The little boy was so happy he literally dropped to his knees crying and thanked us profusely . . . it was very touching.

**What did you like the most?** I truly enjoyed everything during my vacation. It was great getting away and spending time with my nieces and nephews, something we hadn't done much of since the



beginning of the pandemic, so experiencing such an amazing destination with them was truly enjoyable.

**Did anything surprise you about or during the trip?** The one thing that surprised me was finding out from one of our drivers that he'd been in Dubai for a year and it was the first time it rained since he arrived. I was also shocked at how cold it was this particular day and that it rained the entire day. The rain hindered us from "camel" riding because of the weather, but so glad to know they put safety first. Another surprise was having to purchase water everywhere we went. It's one of those things we take for granted here when we dine out, but every restaurant we visited, we had to pay for water.

**Would you recommend this destination to others?** Yes, it's definitely a trip I believe everyone should experience at least once.

**What should people be aware of when considering this destination?** Dubai is a DRY country, meaning you won't find alcoholic beverages in restaurants. I'm sure it's available, however it wasn't at the restaurants where we dined. But in the many ventures of my trip, the only place we found drinks was during an excursion we did complete with camel riding (although we were unable to ride the camel due to the weather being cold, wet and rainy.) What made up for this excursion was the ATV riding and the amazing show which included belly dancing, fire dancers, hookah, drinks and the food was amazing.

**Would you return to this destination and why or why not?** Yes, I would love to experience other places I was unable to see on this trip. 🕌

# Moving On

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**Name:** Jay N. Lerner

**Most recent position:** Inspector General (Presidentially-appointed, Senate-confirmed position)

**Division:** Office of Inspector General

**Location:** Virginia Square, Arlington, Virginia

**When and where joined the FDIC:** I joined the FDIC in January 2017.

**Other experience:** 13 years at the Department of Justice, Criminal Division. 12 years in the Inspector General Community. 6 years at the Department of Homeland Security (and Transportation Security Administration).

**Career highlights:** Too many to list over 31 years, but here are a few highlights:

- Represented the U.S. Government in Federal courts and before international bodies;
- Prosecuted money laundering and other criminal cases;

- Started two new Federal agencies;
- Worked to improve the Government's response capabilities after a financial crisis and a natural disaster;
- Closely involved in the enactment of legislative proposals; and
- Created and ran an overseas training program for foreign prosecutors.

**Retirement Date:** January 28, 2023

**Plans for retirement:** New challenges—explore, learn, and grow. Continuing to serve others.

**Comments and thoughts:** I am so appreciative for the many opportunities that I have had while serving in the Federal Government, and I am grateful to the amazing colleagues that have made my journey so rewarding . . . and for their friendship. My heart is filled with pride, honor, humility, and gratitude. I wish you all the best. 🏠



Jay N. Lerner

**Name:** Janet R. Kincaid

**Most recent position:** Deputy Regional Director

**Division:** Division of Depositor and Consumer Protection (DCP)

**Location:** San Francisco Regional Office

**When and where joined the FDIC:** I joined the FDIC August, 1987 in Columbia, Missouri as a Bank Examiner Trainee.

**Career highlights:** I have had so many wonderful experiences and opportunities it is difficult to pinpoint just a few. In addition to my examination and supervision work, I was honored to be selected to establish the Consumer Response Center (now CRU). To lead this group of dedicated staff charged with helping consumers filing complaints against financial institutions was certainly a highlight. During this time we also were able to assist those affected by Hurricane Katrina by running a 24/7 hotline for citizens directly impacted and to help them reconnect with their banks. I served as an Ombudsman during the financial crisis and helped numerous citizens with

questions and concerns when their bank closed. I was able to travel to so many different locations helping to ensure closings went smoothly for all affected by providing answers, doing media interviews and sometimes offering just a handshake or word of comfort.

I think the most significant career highlight was my time in the mentoring program both leadership and regular programs. What an honor to share knowledge and gain from others along the way. Knowing that one could make a difference in the lives of others simply by sharing your story, listening and providing guidance is as they say priceless. The informal mentoring I received from wonderful supervisors and peers has also been something I will always cherish. It certainly made me who I am today.

**Retirement Date:** December 31, 2022

**Plans for retirement:** Spend time with friends and family. Volunteer at Ottawa University where I currently serve on the Board of Trustees. Look for additional volunteer opportunities and maybe even some pickle ball here and there.



Janet R. Kincaid

**Comments and thoughts:** What a tremendous honor it has been to work for such a wonderful organization for the past 35 years. The people are what make this place so superb. They are dedicated and tireless in their public service role; always looking to make things better. I have made life time friends over the years which in my book is a career well done. 🏠

## Moving On, cont.

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**Name:** Jesusa B. Gallegos

**Most recent position:** Administrative Assistant

**Division:** Legal Division

**Location:** Kansas City Regional Office

**When and where joined the FDIC:**

I joined the FDIC in 1984, starting out with Division of Supervision (DOS) – Typing Pool as a Clerk Typist II.

**Other experience:** I also work for the Urban Affairs Department for the City of Kansas City, Missouri (Kansas City Skill Center) as a Reception, Administrative Assistant working under the Director of Administration, Director of Operations and two Curriculum Specialist. This facility was a training center for adults that lack their basic GED and well as

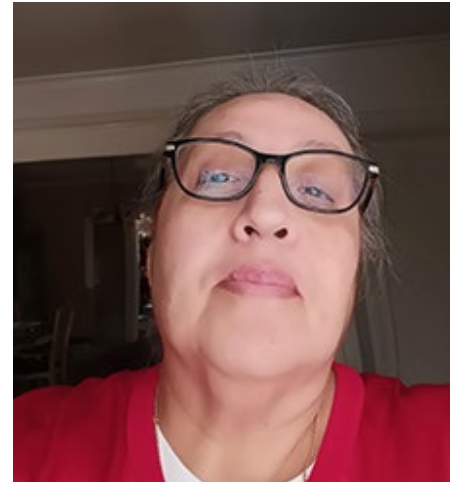
immigrants needing to achieve their GED and a trade to make a living for themselves and their families.

**Career highlights:** Most rewarding to me was helping out with crises that arose within the banking industry. I learned a lot from others outside the legal department as well as having the opportunity to participate in a 120-day detail in Washington for Corporate Legal.

**Retirement Date:** December 31, 2022

**Plans for retirement:** Enjoy the rest of my life with my family.

**Comments and thoughts:** All in all, the FDIC is the best employer I've ever worked for. Going to miss all my co-workers/friends of the FDIC. 🏠



Jesusa B. Gallegos

**Name:** Nancy M. Tillmon

**Most recent position:** Senior Consumer Affairs Specialist

**Division:** Division of Depositor and Consumer Protection (DCP)/Consumer Response Unit

**Location:** Kansas City Regional Office

**When and where joined the FDIC:**

I joined the FDIC's Kansas City Regional Office located in Kansas City, Missouri, on August 5, 1985, in the Division of Bank Supervision, while a student at University of Missouri-Kansas City.

**Other experience:** I held a position in the FDIC's Division of Administration where I learned from the best Administrative Officer and Training Coordinator about the hiring process, personnel, FDIC Benefits, and recruiting. During that time, I met every employee in the Kansas City Region, forging friendships that have lasted over 35 years.

**Career highlights:** As a Sr. Consumer Affairs/Civil Rights Assistant, I passed the Compliance Technical Assessment on the first attempt and was promoted to a Consumer Affairs Specialist in the FDIC's Credit Card Center. I am a founding member of each FDIC nationwide complaint and inquiry tracking system and trained numerous employees on processes and procedures, receiving multiple mission achievement, special achievement, and other awards. Served as a Community Affairs Specialist

for DCP Headquarters in Washington, DC, on a Money Smart detail for the Community Affairs Branch, Outreach and Development, as Project Lead for the Money Smart Program. Attended high level financial education meeting in Washington, DC, with executive management of FDIC and other executive agency members at the Treasury Building in what used to be the Cash Room. Personally meet every FDIC Chairman appointed during my employment. Nominated for a Chairman's Excellence Award as a member of the DCP Consumer Affairs Section and Consumer Response Center Team, and was the recipient of the Chairman's Creativity and Innovation Team Award for Modernizing the FDIC's Public Engagement Platform, in which my mom attended the awards ceremony. During the 2020 COVID-19 office shut down and virtual Annual Chairman's Award ceremony, family gathered at my home to celebrate me being recognized for 35 years of federal service. Honored to serve on the DCP Director's Head Quarter Advisory Committee to review results of the annual Federal Employee Viewpoint Survey, which is administered by the United States Office of Personnel Management.

**Retirement Date:** December 31, 2022

**Plans for retirement:** Learn to sew so that I can make clothes for my 19 month old granddaughter. I'm a proud first-time



Nancy M. Tillmon

Nana; Complete the many home projects on my list; Travel with family and friends without time constraints; and Look for opportunities to continue my passion of teaching financial education.

**Comments and thoughts:** My career at the FDIC has been extremely rewarding both professionally and personally. I was able to do something I love—help others. I provided daily assistance and education on federal consumer protection laws and regulations to consumers and businesses through the complaint process, and also taught financial education through consumer outreach on a local and national level at various conferences, conventions,

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and other local events. I'm certain the invaluable training I received through the FDIC will benefit me a lifetime, along with training I obtained most of my career through memberships in outside organizations, such as Blacks in Government (BIG) and Urban Financial Services Coalition, both of which serve

low- and moderate income individuals and provided excellent training and networking opportunities.

I have worked with some of the nicest and most knowledgeable staff at the FDIC. I encourage all employees to get to know your co-workers, take advantage of the Mentoring Program as both a Mentee and a Mentor, apply for detail opportunities to

learn more about other areas of the FDIC that will benefit professional and personal growth, and contribute to the FDIC and Federal Employment Retirement System (FERS) retirement plans. I was told this when I first arrived at the FDIC and it was great advice. 🏡

**Name:** Cynthia L. Smith

**Most recent position:** Financial Institution Examiner (Compliance)

**Division:** Division of Depositor and Consumer Protection

**Location:** Minneapolis, Minnesota

**When and where joined the FDIC:**

I joined the FDIC Division of Liquidation (DOL) field office in Burnsville, Minnesota in September 1984.

**Career highlights:** In 1992 I transferred to Washington to assist in establishing the Resolution Trust Corporation (RTC) Legal Information System Section. Performed a variety of information technology work for RTC and FDIC in the Legal Division, and in 2001 joined the Division of Supervision and Consumer Protection's Electronic Banking Branch. In 2003, I rejoined the Legal Division's Information Technology Unit as an Information Systems Specialist. In 2008 transferred to the Minneapolis Territory as a Financial Institution Specialist and became a commissioned Financial

Institution Examiner in 2011. I had an opportunity to participate in a number of details and programs throughout my career, including the mentoring program, Executive Leadership Program, details to Community Affairs in Kansas City and Memphis, and the Source Modernization Project in Washington. I also participated in a number of out of territory exams for San Francisco, New York, and the Kansas City Region.

**Retirement Date:** December 31, 2022

**Plans for retirement:** Travel, work on my golf game, learn to play pickleball, volunteer more, become a snowbird, spend time with family and friends, and decide every morning what I want to do with my day.

**Comments and thoughts:** I had the privilege to work with so many amazing people, travel to so many places, and most of all I had fun! I had a lot of fun. I cannot imagine working with a greater group of people, or having a more fulfilling career. I am truly thankful for



Cynthia L. Smith

the friendships I have made over the years and the great memories I will take with me. It has been a great ride, but I am excited to see what the future has in store for me. Whatever it is, I am sure it is going to involve more fun. 🏡

**Name:** Stephanie Downing

**Most recent position:** Administrative Assistant

**Division:** Legal Division / Supervision, Legislation & Enforcement Branch (SLEB)

**Location:** Headquarters

**When and where joined the FDIC:**

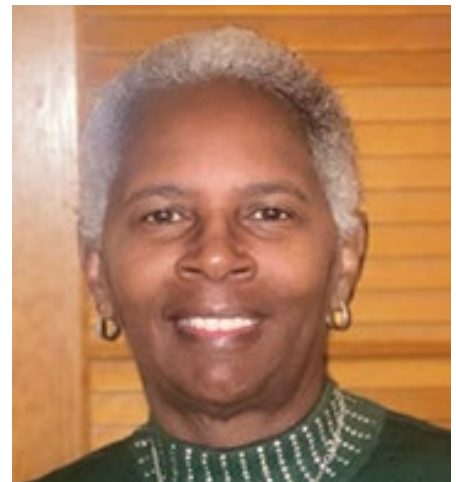
I joined Resolution Trust Corporation (RTC) Affordable Housing Program (AHP) in 1991 and transitioned to FDIC in 1995.

**Other experience:** Worked in and with many FDIC Divisions throughout my tenure at FDIC, as well as Worldwide Banks, Bank Directors, and Board Committee Members of FDIC.

**Career highlights:** Working with the RTC AHP and State Housing Authority Agencies at Housing Auctions. It was breathtaking seeing the faces of families when they heard they'd won their bid on an affordable home and that their dream of home ownership had been realized.

**Retirement Date:** December 31, 2022

**Plans for retirement:** Living my blessed life with family and friends. 🏡



Stephanie Downing

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**Name:** Gwendolyn F. Alston

**Most recent position:** Administrative Specialist

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

**Location:** Headquarters (Main Building)

**When and where joined the FDIC:**

I joined the FDIC as a Clerk Typist in the typing pool, in June of 1985, after being selected from the roster at OPM. My first office was the Division of Liquidation, where I worked with the Liquidation Specialists (Credit). Of my 39 years of federal service, 37 of those years have been with the FDIC.

**Other experience:** I started federal service with the Department of Commerce after completing a word processing training program. I worked in their Congressional Office and International Affairs office.

**Career highlights:** I worked in the Executive Secretary Office as a Secretary, Operations Assistant and Sr. Operations Assistant. During this time I worked

closely with various law enforcement agencies, providing proof of insured status for institutions where crimes had been committed. In 2008, I obtained my Claims Agent certification and was part of the closing team in Staples, Minnesota, as well as the Three Amigos closing in Arizona. I also participated on the administrative team in setting up the West Coast Temporary Satellite Office. I concluded my career within RMS, where I was Administrative team leader for the Corporate Employee Program (CEP) 2016 hiring events, Administrative and staffing specialist for various branches, as well as managing the Student Loan Repayment Program (SLRP).

**Retirement Date:** December 31, 2022

**Plans for retirement:** Rest, a little travel, and continuing my ministry pursuits full time.

**Comments and thoughts:** I am thankful for my career at the FDIC. I have worked with numerous wonderful colleagues, and participated in many projects that have been enlightening



**Gwendolyn F. Alston**

and allowed me to stretch. I am grateful for the times we shared and I will miss them. The FDIC is a great place to work and grow, and the benefits are countless. Please take advantage of the developmental opportunities that are presented to you. Until we meet again, be blessed! 🙏

**Name:** Richard Braun Foley

**Most recent position:** Supervisory Counsel for the Policy Unit

**Division:** Legal Division

**Location:** Headquarters

**When and where joined the FDIC:** I first joined the FDIC in 1985 as a summer law clerk in DC and continued as a law clerk in the Boston Area Office during the following academic year. After graduating from law school, in 1986, I joined the Federal Home Loan Bank Board as an attorney and focused on resolution of failed savings and loan associations. In 1989, following the termination of the Bank Board, I transferred to the FDIC and worked on failed bank resolutions. From 1995 to 2005, I worked in the Corporate Litigation Unit. I moved to the Policy (formerly Consumer-Compliance) Unit in 2005 and have been a manager there since 2012.

**Other experience:** Between college and law school I served as a Peace Corps volunteer in South Korea and worked for several non-governmental organizations involved with technological assistance to developing countries.

**Career highlights:** The early years of my career, at the Bank Board, were extremely formative in my growth as an attorney because, due to a staff shortage and an immense workload generated by the savings and loan crisis, I handled cases at a level equivalent to that of a law firm partner. I also learned a great deal from my detail, in 1993-94, as a Special Assistant United States Attorney with the Office of the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia. Consumer protection work has been the most rewarding part of my career, and I was thrilled to be honored, in 2009, with the Douglas H. Jones Legal Excellence Award for my assistance with mortgage lending matters. I have also found tremendous fulfillment in my role as coordinator of the FDIC's Pro Bono Program, which was honored with the John C. Cruden Federal Agency Pro Bono Leadership Award in 2019.

**Retirement Date:** January 28, 2023

**Plans for retirement:** I plan to do more pro bono work, more of the outdoor activities I love (e.g., running, biking, hiking, and skiing), and more traveling, and to



**Richard Braun Foley**

catch-up on long-deferred reading and spend more time with family and friends.

**Comments and thoughts:** I have been blessed with a fabulous career at the FDIC and will miss the wonderful, talented, and dedicated colleagues with whom I have been privileged to work and whom I regard as my "work family." 🙏



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**Name:** Michael J. Dando

**Most recent position:** Senior Risk Analyst

**Division:** Division of Resolutions and Receiverships

**Location:** Headquarters (VASQ)

**When and where joined the FDIC:**

I joined Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation (FSLIC) on February 1, 1987 which ultimately was folded into the Resolution Trust Corporation. Joined the FDIC in June 1992.

**Other experience:** Worked at the Kutak, Rock, & Campbell law firm, building and running a system of financial models to simulate the cash flows, rate setting and yield tests for floating rate pooled financing bond programs to fund loans to hospitals and colleges.

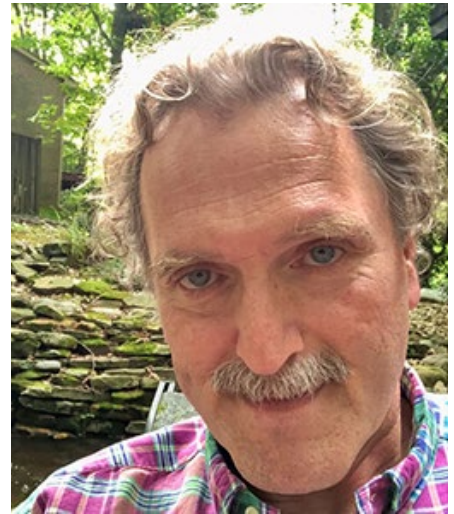
**Career highlights:** I did a number of different things across the FSLIC, RTC and FDIC. One constant through all of the

places I spent time is that I always really enjoyed the analyzing, modeling and reporting of data. The last several years of my career I enjoyed marketing and selling securities held in receivership, primarily to banks.

**Retirement Date:** December 31, 2022

**Plans for retirement:** Travel, exercise, photography, spend more time with family and friends. Become more creative in whatever I choose to do.

**Comments and thoughts:** I have been here a long time, almost 36 years. I have been here through multiple problem times for the industry and economy. Through it all the FDIC has shined in its duty to protect depositors and the industry as a whole. 🏠



Michael J. Dando

## In Memoriam

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**Robert Clifton Barber**

*Former Bank Examiner, RMS*

Robert Clifton Barber, age 82 of Farragut, TN went home to be with the Lord on December 31, 2022. He was a member of First Baptist Concord. He was born in Pell City, Alabama, to Robbie and Clif Barber on June 21, 1940. He attended Pell City High School and graduated from Auburn University in 1964 and Graduate School of Banking, University of Wisconsin, in 1974. He married Sharon, his wife of 55 years, on June 24, 1967, at Shades Mountain Baptist Church.

He worked as a Bank Examiner for thirty-three years. Robert was a spiritual man who was involved in many activities at his home church including serving on the Finance Committee, Chainsaw Ministry, Prayer for Nations, and Disaster Relief Team. Not only did he serve as a deacon, but also, in local and overseas missions projects. He was a long-standing blood and platelet donor. Robert enjoyed reading his Bible, praying for and with others, helping those in need,

and spending time with his family. He was a loving and caring husband, father, grandfather and friend.

He completed the Team Leader Care Program of the FDIC Management Excellence Program and received a Special Achievement Award from the FDIC. Robert is survived by his wife Sharon Barber of Farragut, TN; his sons and their wives Ross & Dalaina Barber of Indianapolis, Indiana, and Hunter & Michele Barber of Farragut, TN /Kandern, Germany; his grandchildren CJ Barber of Houston, Texas, and Alexis and her husband Jay Nichols of Indianapolis, Indiana; his sister Betty McKinney of Pell City, AL, and Greta his miniature schnauzer. He is predeceased by his sister, Jean Yarborough.

The family of Robert wishes to extend our sincere thanks to the medical staff at Parkwest Hospital, Palliative Care, and Hospice for their dedicated and gentle care given to him and the family during his last days in the hospital. We thank the myriad of friends and family who came



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alongside the family and prayed, gave support and encouragement, fixed meals, and watched over Greta. Online condolences may be made at [www.rosefuneraltn.com](http://www.rosefuneraltn.com). 🏠

## In Memoriam, *cont.*

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### **Linda Super**

*Bank Examiner, RMS*

Examiner Linda Super joined the FDIC's Wichita Kansas field office in 1989 where she earned her risk management commission and held a successful career spanning over 32 years as a field examiner. Not only was Linda highly regarded by her FDIC coworkers and supervisors, many community bankers greatly respected her vast knowledge and often relied upon her to field their questions. With her years of on-hands experience, thirst for knowledge, and serving on the former Technical Evaluation working group, Linda possessed an extraordinary breadth and depth of examination knowledge that she readily shared with others. No matter how busy she was, Linda would always take time to answer questions and help others. She was an exemplary trainer, volunteered for tough assignments, and always looked for ways to do things better and more efficiently. Linda also specialized in the BSA/AML area and used her advanced skills beyond her own territory

by assisting and leading exams of the most complex compliance programs in the Kansas City region. Linda was an inspiration to others in serving as an extraordinary community bank examiner.

Field examiners develop strong personal bonds as they spend time sharing memorable work experiences, traveling, and dining together. Linda developed deep friendships with many of her FDIC coworkers. She readily shared tips on travel, the best local eating establishments, and the wisdom of salting chips with salsa. When she was not working, Linda was enjoying her time with family, reading, gardening and baking. She and her sisters traveled the world to visit different Disney World parks. With her husband and sons, Linda was an unfailing good sport who enjoyed outdoor activities and enthusiastically participated in kayaking, fossil hunting, and mountain climbing.

Linda passed away on December 18, 2022, and missed the opportunity for a well-earned FDIC farewell celebration by her close friends/coworkers. She leaves



**Linda Super**

behind her husband of 30 years, Jay Super, and beloved sons Kris and Jon for whom she was enormously proud in the exceptional men they grew to be. Linda was deeply grounded in her faith and devoted to her family. Her generosity and kindness were hallmarks of her loving personality. Her life was rich and full, a life well-lived. 🏠