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Richy Everly, Bank of Wrightsville, Elected as Chair of Community Bankers Association of Georgia

Richy Everly, President & CEO, **Bank of Wrightsville**, was elected Chairman of the Board of Directors of **Community Bankers Association of Georgia (CBA)**. Nominations for the 2022—23 CBA Board of Directors were announced and approved at CBA's Annual Convention held in September at the Ritz Carlton, Amelia Island, Florida. His term began October 1, 2022.



Richy Everly and John McNair

"The CBA Board of Directors consists of some of the most well respected and dedicated community bankers in the state,"

stated **John McNair**, President & CEO, **Community Bankers Association of Georgia**. "As a result of the Board's collective commitment to CBA, the association is now widely recognized as a leading organization both in state and nationally. I am excited to welcome the new members to the Board and look forward to executing the Board's strategy and vision to best serve the community banks in Georgia and the southeast region."

Board members are selected from seven divisions across the state of Georgia, ensuring all Georgia community banks are equally represented. Board members are elected to a one-year term. During the year, Directors will be involved in several items on behalf of the CBA membership, such as responding to proposed rules and regulations from the various regulatory agencies, reviewing services that will benefit the community banking industry, and weighing in on proposed legislation.

2022—2023 Board of Directors

Chair: Richy Everly, Bank of Wrightsville

Chairman-Elect: Neil Stevens, Oconee State Bank

Vice Chairman: Frank Griffin, Flint Community Bank

Treasurer/Audit & Finance Committee Chair: Greg Proffitt, Affinity Bank/Newton Federal Bank

Immed. Past Chairman: David Lance, Greater Community Bank

At Large: Mike Sale, The Commercial Bank



Richy Everly



Neil Stevens



Frank Griffin



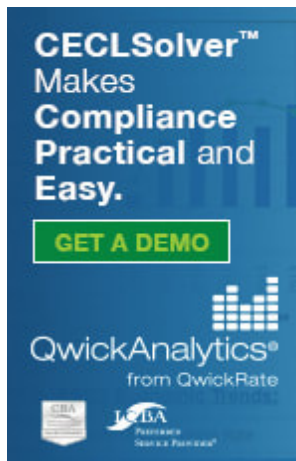
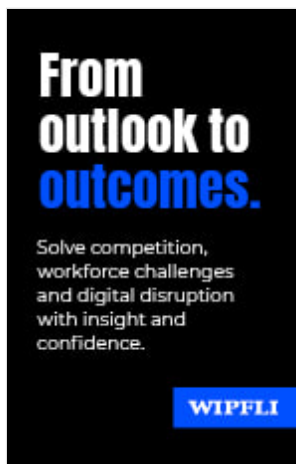
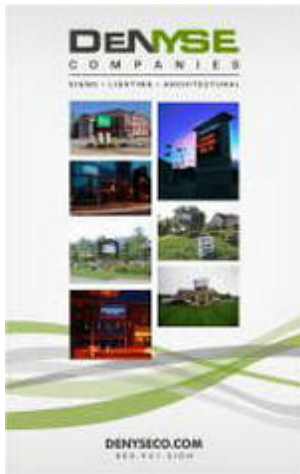
Greg Proffitt



David Lance



Mike Sale



- Div 1 Chairman: Shannon Henry, Bank of Dade
- Div 2 Chairman: Bill Walker, The Legacy State Bank
- Div 3 Chairman: Monty Watson, The Piedmont Bank
- Div 4 Chairman: Derek Williams, Century Bank & Trust
- Div 5 Chairman: Scott Curry, First State Bank of Randolph County
- Div 6 Chairman: Stephen Lewis, First National Bank of Coffee County
- Div 7 Chairman: Zachary Frye, Bulloch First

Members At Large:

- Jolene Carroll, Bank of Eastman
- Ron Quinn, Peach State Bank & Trust
- Bran Thompson, South Georgia Bank
- Ray Muggridge, Bank of Camilla
- Jane Lawson, First Peoples Bank
- Nancy Jernigan, First Port City
- Harold Reynolds, BankSouth
- Doug Williams, Atlantic Capital Bank
- Eli Tinsley, Planters First Bank
- Kelly Stone, Community Bank of Georgia
- Heath Fountain, Colony Bank
- Charles Crawford, Hyperion Bank

CBA President/CEO: John McNair, Community Bankers Association of Georgia
 General Counsel: Dan Brannan, James-Bates-Brannan-Groover-LLP
 Corporate Secretary: Lori Godfrey, Community Bankers Association of Georgia

ICBA Brings Successful ThinkTECH Accelerator Innovation Program In-house in Atlanta



ICBA announced plans to bring its award-winning, community banker-led ThinkTECH Accelerator program in-house with a new, dedicated office based in the innovation hub of Atlanta. The move to scale and increase investment in ThinkTECH initiatives

reflects community bank embracement of the program and ICBA's goal to bring innovative solutions tailored specifically for community banks and their diverse customer base.

"Following four successful fintech accelerator programs and the tremendous interest in our Accelerator program, the natural next step is to bring ICBA ThinkTECH's full-time operation and expanded innovation content in-house," ICBA Chief Innovation Officer **Charles Potts** said. "ICBA is paving the way with this new model to ensure that innovation remains an obtainable, strategic priority for the nation's nearly 5,000 community banks." Since its inception in 2019, the ICBA ThinkTECH Accelerator program has connected the most innovative, cutting-edge fintech companies in the world with more than 1,000 community bankers and industry leaders to design workable solutions that solve 21st-century banking needs.

"CBA of Georgia applauds ICBA for once again taking the leadership role in developing technology solutions for the community banking industry," said **John McNair**, President & CEO of **Community Bankers Association of Georgia**. "ICBA started on this journey nearly five years ago—well ahead of all others—and it is very exciting to see the investment the association is making into bringing these resources into the Atlanta technology ecosystem. For CBA of Georgia member banks, unique resources and educational opportunities will abound, and CBA is most excited to work with ICBA to help bring all to fruition." [Read press release.](#)

Cyber Risk: Are You Complacent or Proactive?

October is Cybersecurity Awareness Month, and CBA is sharing a variety of tools and insights to help you educate your team and customers on ways to stay safe online. In the recent issue of *Georgia Communities First* magazine, **Steve Soukup**, CEO, **DefenseStorm**, a CBA Preferred Service

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CBA Advocacy Fund: Thank You!

At CBA, we must constantly build and renew relationships with legislators that understand and support community banking.



Thank you to the following banks for their generous contributions to CBA's Advocacy Fund:

- **Mr. Ken Farrell, Savannah**
- **Ms. Jessica Hudson, Douglas**
- **Ms. Stephanie Fagler, Swainsboro**
- **Mr. Thomas Bennett, Alma**
- **Mr. Michael McGahee, Camilla**
- **Mr. Frank Griffin, Albany**
- **Ms. Jane Lawson, Pine Mountain**
- **Rebeca Romero Rainey, Washington, DC**



Innovation Exploration Conference

November 2—3 | Westin Atlanta Perimeter North

The Innovation & Education Committee invites you to the Innovation Exploration Conference! Why Innovate? Why not Innovate? Join your fellow bankers and associate members as we choose to learn and embrace opportunities to create efficiencies and new ways to service our stakeholders.

- Innovation Conference Program Facilitator: **Charles Potts, ICBA**
- Leading a Culture of Innovation: Getting Everyone on Board from the Top Down and Horizontally.
Marcie Bomberg, WIPFLI
- Leverage Your Next Core Contract Negotiation: **David Saylor, Genesys Technology Group**
- ATMs — 2022 & Beyond: **Ahmad Ludin, Shazam**
- Innovation Exploration Regulatory Series: Implementing Deposit Programs
James W. Stevens, Troutman Pepper, Helen Herring, First Century Bank, NA, Chris Stanley, SouthState Bank
- Vendor Management, API / Access Security, and Governance While Being Innovative: **Zach Duke, Finosec**
- Innovation Success Stories Panel: **William Mills, William Mills Agency**
- Legal & Regulatory Considerations



Georgia's community bankers do great things in their communities every day. Here is the latest on community outreach and news from CBA Members:

- **Hyperion Bank, Philadelphia, PA**, which expanded to the Atlanta market three years ago, is included among the *Philadelphia Business Journal's* 2022 "Soaring 76" list for the third year in a row. The list ranks the region's fastest-growing businesses. Hyperion came in at #63 on the list of private and public companies, with 18+ percent growth over the last two years. Congratulations to Chairman, CEO and CBA Board Member **Charlie Crawford** and the entire staff at Hyperion Bank.
- The team at **American Commerce Bank's Johns Creek** location helped raise funds for the St. Benedict's Knights of Columbus golf tournament, which benefits veterans.
- **First Chatham Bank, Savannah**, is again sponsoring their friends at Savannah Ambucs. Through community support, this great organization is able to continue their mission to inspire mobility and independence for all.
- **Greater Community Bank, Rome**, recently partnered with bank customer **Seo's Martial Arts** to host self-defense courses to the bank's team and local realtors.



Laurie Senn has been promoted to Chief Operations Officer at **Colony Bank, Albany**.



Corey Farrow has joined **Capital City Home Loans, Gwinnett**, as a Mortgage Consultant.



David Summers has joined **Capital City Home Loans, Marietta**, as a Mortgage Consultant.

[Read more.](#)



Joseph Watts has joined **Queensborough National Bank & Trust Company, Louisville**, as an Information Technology Analyst.

[Read more.](#)



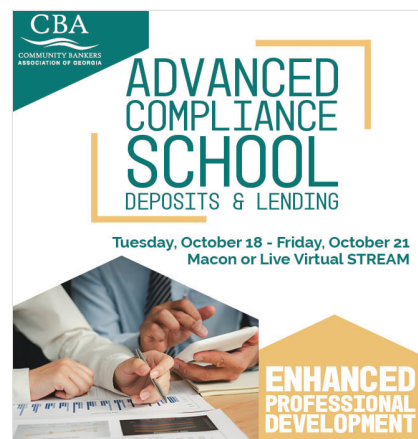
Matt Malone has joined **Commercial Banking Company, Valdosta**, as Vice President of Marketing.

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Branch Leadership IV: Raising the Bar for Sustainable Growth

October 18 | Macon

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Here are some of the latest news stories relevant to community banking and the financial services industry:

- [Fed Finalizes Changes to Debit Card Interchange Regs](#)
- [IRS Warns of Significant Increases in Smishing](#)
- [FinCEN Issues Final Rule on Beneficial Ownership Reporting](#)
- [CSBS 2022 National Survey of Community Banks](#)
- [Georgia Department of Banking & Finance - September Bulletin.pdf](#)

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