

Texas Department of Banking

Press Release

Texas Banking Commissioner Announces Staff Changes

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Several key financial examiners of the Bank and Trust Division are assuming new responsibilities at the Texas Department of Banking. Within the area of Large Banking Organizations, but remaining active in all department bank supervisory efforts, Gil Sepulveda (Houston), a 22-year veteran of the agency will be Bank Secrecy Act Specialist; Linda Pearson (IT-San Antonio) will be Operations Risk Specialist; Commercial Bank Examiners Mike Bothe (Houston) and Demetra Ellis (Houston), along with Trust Specialist Bonnie Fowler (Dallas) were promoted to Financial Examiner VI and will assume additional leadership responsibilities and involvement in the supervision of some of the larger institutions chartered by the Department. Additional promotions include Commercial Bank Examiners Luther Edwards (San Antonio), Greg Fenn (Dallas) and Tom Susany (Dallas) who were promoted to Financial Examiner V, recognizing their contributions to the agency and strong personal development.

The Department has also hired several new personnel to fill key positions, individuals who bring with them substantial regulatory background and experience. Gary May, a former OCC examiner with 32 years of experience, was named as the Department's lead Capital Markets Specialist in the area of Large Banking Organizations concentrating primarily on large bank issues. He will also be a resource to the agency's commercial examiners for complex capital market issues that arise during the course of community bank examinations.

Dan Frasier, a former OCC examiner with 16 years of experience, was named Review Examiner. Dan, who has extensive experience in the supervision of Information Technology (IT) operations, will perform commercial examination report review duties at the Department's Austin Headquarters Office while also conducting on-site examinations of larger IT facilities.

Paul Gibbins, a former FDIC examiner with four years of experience, will assume the duties of Commercial Bank Examiner and will be stationed in the Department's Houston office.

Commissioner James said, "I am very proud to recognize the contributions of each individual to the agency's efforts and development. And we welcome our new examination staff to the agency, realizing they bring a wealth of knowledge and experience that will greatly assist us in meeting our mission, and will provide additional resources to the state banking system in Texas."