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GOVERNMENT



HUD APPOINTS IRVING DENNIS CFO

HUD Secretary Dr. Ben Carson announced new measures to protect the financial integrity of the

department, including the appointment of a new CFO, **Irving Dennis**. Dennis is tasked with putting together a plan and an internal task force focused on combating waste, fraud, and abuse.

A former partner at Ernst & Young, Dennis said, "I'm excited to apply a business acumen to a task that is necessary for us as an agency. These new internal controls and management practices must be embedded into our organization to help prevent misuse and misappropriation of assets. The goal is to create more robust processes and systems of checks and balances to ensure our expenditures not only meet all of our requirements but pass a common sense 'smell test.'"

LENDERS/SERVICERS



PERRY HILZENDEGER TO LEAD WELLS FARGO'S HOME LENDING SERVICING

Wells Fargo & Company, based in Des Moines, Iowa, announced that **Perry Hilzendege**, currently EVP and Head of Home Lending Servicing, will become the new head of Home Lending Retail. As head of Home Lending Retail, a newly created role, Hilzendege will report to Michael DeVito, who was named head of Wells Fargo Home Lending in January. Based in Des Moines, Hilzendege will oversee nearly 15,000 retail production team members in mortgage and home equity sales, underwriting, fulfillment and support functions. Hilzendege, a 28-year Wells Fargo veteran, took over as head of Home Lending Servicing in 2015. In that role, he oversaw nearly 13,000 team members who service mortgage loans and home equity products for more than 9 million customers and more than \$1.2 trillion in mortgage loans for investors. Prior to

that, he was head of Default Servicing, where he led teams dedicated to helping customers prevent and resolve delinquencies.

"Perry's broad experience and knowledge of our business is unmatched, and he has a deep understanding of the customer experience at every stage of the homeownership journey. I am confident that his energy and experience will help us meet the evolving needs of our customers and clients."

- Michael DeVito, Head of Wells Fargo Home Lending



CARRINGTON WELCOMES BACK RICK SHARGA AS EVP

California-based Carrington Mortgage Holdings has announced that

Rick Sharga has rejoined the company as an EVP. In this role, Sharga will serve as the primary spokesman for Carrington, and will be responsible for public relations and communications, as well as branding and marketing strategies for all of the Carrington Companies. "Carrington has numerous products and services, from our rapidly growing loan origination and servicing platforms, to our consumer-facing online services such as Carrington Connects, which manage every step of the home ownership and mortgage journey, and Rick is uniquely qualified to deliver our messages successfully in all of our markets," said Kevin Cloyd, Chief Administrative Officer for Carrington Holding Company. Prior to rejoining Carrington, Sharga served for five years at Ten-X, most recently as the company's Chief Marketing Officer.



LEE WARDLOW TO LEAD LOAN SERVICING AT BOK FINANCIAL MORTGAGE

Tulsa, Oklahoma-based BOK Financial Mortgage, a division of BOK Financial, has named mortgage veteran **Lee Wardlow** to lead the company's loan servicing business. Wardlow most recently served 15 years in a mortgage servicing leadership role at Bank of America in Dallas. Wardlow brings more than 25 years of mortgage servicing industry experience to BOK Financial Mortgage the company said in a statement. His diverse experience includes leading mortgage servicing operations, subservicing, servicing transfers, strategic portfolio management, and transaction management. Prior to Bank of America, Wardlow developed subservicing for various industry participants.

"Lee has a strong history of leading multiple servicing streams like ours while ensuring quality for clients is met. His demonstrated leadership for some of the country's largest mortgage companies makes him an excellent addition to our team and I'm eager to watch him apply his extensive industry expertise for the continued growth of the bank."

- Glenn Brunker, President, BOK Financial Mortgage

SERVICE PROVIDER



JK HUEY APPOINTED TO ASPEN GROVE SOLUTIONS' ADVISORY BOARD

Aspen Grove Solutions, a Maryland-based mortgage technology solutions provider, has appointed **JK Huey** to its Advisory Board. Huey brings over 35 years experience in the financial services industry. Recently retired from Wells Fargo, Huey will offer her expertise to assist Aspen Grove in providing technology solutions to the mortgage industry. Throughout her career, Huey has demonstrated her passion for excellent service to customers and communities. Before joining Wells Fargo, she held senior management positions at other large companies where she oversaw a variety of areas, including customer service, default management, retail production, and acquisitions.

“Knowing the challenges, the industry is faced with and having worked with many technology solutions; I know the team at Aspen Grove is ready to provide the support and solutions needed for companies to be successful. I’m looking forward to assisting them in the development of tools and solutions to better serve their clients,”

- JK Huey, Advisory Board Member, Aspen Grove Solutions



EDDIE SEILER JOINS DWORBELL, INC. AS VP

Washington D.C.-based Dworbell, Inc., a trade association management

firm providing public policy analysis and advocacy, announced that **Edward Seiler, Ph.D.**, has joined the firm in the role of VP, Research and Economic Analysis. In this capacity, Seiler will lead economic research for the organizations that Dworbell manages, including the National Housing & Rehabilitation Association (NH&RA), the National Reverse Mortgage Lenders Association (NRMLA), and the National Aging in Place Council (NAIPC). Seiler was previously Chief Housing Economist and Director at Summit Consulting, an analytics firm with expertise in applied economics and mortgage finance. Prior to joining Summit, Seiler was Director of Economics at Fannie Mae, where he directed the development and implementation of analytical models used to guide credit loss management decisions.

LEGAL



RUBIN LUBLIN ANNOUNCES NEW PARTNER

Rubin Lublin, LLC (RL) recently announced that **Bret J. Chaness** has been elected

as a Partner at the firm. Chaness concentrates his practice in the areas of real estate, mortgage default, and bankruptcy litigation. RL is a full-service mortgage default law firm delivering professional results and personalized service to its clients in the states of Georgia, Tennessee, Mississippi, and Alabama. Chaness is based in the firm’s Peachtree Corners, Georgia office. Chaness represents clients in a wide variety of complex civil litigation and bankruptcy matters involving contract disputes, real estate and quiet title actions, and lien priority actions. Chaness has been clerking at the firm since his second year of law school and, while a law student, he won the Exemplary Real Property Law Student Award from the State Bar of Georgia and was a member of the Emory Moot Court Society, competing in the Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition.

IN MEMORIAM



DEAN PROBER, PRESIDENT OF PROBER & RAPHAEL, PASSES AWAY

Dean Prober, Senior Partner and President of the California-based firm of Prober & Raphael passed away on March 1, 2018, surrounded by his family following a battle with cancer. Prober was a graduate of UCLA and Southwestern School of Law. He graduated from law school and built the law firm, Prober and Raphael, with his loyal partner and friend, Lee Raphael. Prober’s passion for his practice and the law was second only to his unending love and devotion to his family, friends, and co-workers. As one of the firm’s original partners, Prober worked tirelessly to build a law practice dedicated to the belief that you should never over-promise to the client but instead do your best to surpass their expectations. The firm will carry on in Prober’s memory under the continued direction of Managing Partner Lee Raphael.

“Dean’s infectious laugh, his love of cowboy boots, and his unwavering belief that this was the Dodgers’ year will be missed by all who knew him. Above all else, Dean will be remembered for being a decent man who worked hard and wanted only the best for those around him. Dean is survived by his wife Debra, his children Erin, Blaine, and Sydney, and his son-in-law Cory.”

Prober’s family requests that any donations in his honor be made to the Camp Hess Kramer Center Camp Fund or the Cholangiocarcinoma Foundation.