

# Innovative Banker Panel Bios

## **T. Joseph Stronks**

EVP/Chief Operating Officer  
Community West Bank

Joseph leads the Information Technology, Application Services, Central Operations, and Facilities departments, and served in the capacity of interim-Chief Risk Officer overseeing Risk, Governance, and Compliance from October 2018 to June 2019. Before joining the bank in mid-2018, Joseph served as Senior Vice President and Deputy Director of Operations for Rabobank, N.A., and previous to that as EVP/Chief Information Officer and Interim-Information Security Officer for Heritage Oaks Bank prior to its acquisition by Pacific Premier Bank. He is a graduate of the Pacific Coast Banking School and is a Certified Information Security Manager. He is also a graduate of Western Governors University, earning an MBA in IT Management, and he holds a B.A. in Slavic Languages & Literature and Political Science from the University of California at Santa Barbara. He volunteers as a board member of the Science and Engineering Council of Santa Barbara.

## **Chris Forbes MBA, PMP, CRISC, CISM, CISSP**

Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) & Chief Privacy Officer (CPO)  
Banc of California.

Chris has over 35 years of IT, Information Security, and Risk Management experience and is currently the Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) and Chief Privacy Officer (CPO) for the Banc of California. His previous roles include CISO & CPO for the Federal Reserve Bank, and many large, global financial services companies such as JPMorgan Chase, BNY Mellon, BNP Paribas, Allianz and AXA. Chris is also a veteran having served for six years in the US Navy.

## **Julio Gallud**

Chief Information Officer  
Preferred Bank

Based in Los Angeles California, Julio has over 20 years' IT experience in the banking industry. He played a key role in selecting and converting to a New Core Processing system in 2018. This included the replacement of: Teller front-end, Item Processing, General Ledger, Wire Transfer, Remote Deposit Capture, Teller Capture, Online Banking, Mobile Banking, Data Warehouse reporting, and Workflow automation. Prior to joining Preferred Bank, he worked at IndyMac Bank, East West Bank, and Banc of California in various roles from IT Operations, Information Security, and Data Center Operations. Mr. Gallud has an MBA from Cal Poly Pomona, and B.S. from Cal State L.A. in Business, with an option in Real Estate.

## **Robin Seelye**

EVP and Chief Administrative Officer

1st Capital Bank

Robin serves as a member of the Bank's Executive Management Team and oversees the direction and management of branch operations, central operations, Bank Secrecy Act compliance, consumer lending, marketing, and online banking/cash management.

She has more than twenty years of banking experience, specializing in delivering quality customer-focused products and services. Robin has worked in compliance and operations at several community banks, including Westsound Bank in Bremerton, WA, and recently at Pacific Valley Bank in Salinas, CA, as the Chief Operating Officer. Her experience also includes working for the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation as a Contract Oversight Manager in Dallas, Texas where she managed an asset portfolio of \$249M located in multiple states.

Robin is a graduate of California State University, Monterey Bay's Executive MBA program and has a B.A. in Management from California State University, Fresno. She is also a graduate of the Pacific Coast Banking School located in Seattle, WA and ACAMS certified.

## **Kevin Tweddle**

COO, ICBA Services Network &

Chief Innovation Officer, ICBA

As chief operating officer for ICBA Services Network®, Kevin provides leadership management and vision for the Services Network whose mission is to enhance the franchise value of community banks by providing high-quality products and services that aggregate the buying power of community banks nationwide. He also continues to drive ICBA's innovation, change management and financial technology strategies as chief innovation officer, working with ICBA leadership to develop impactful, value-added solutions that help community banks seize new market opportunities to meet customers' evolving financial services' needs.

Kevin's expanded title reflects increasing responsibilities since joining ICBA in 2017 as group executive vice president, innovation and financial technology, where he spearheaded the successful launch of the ICBA ThinkTECH Accelerator, in partnership with the Venture Center, and the soon-to-be launch of the ICBA ThinkTECH Network, powered by FinXTech Connect. His extensive financial services experience spans 30 years and includes executive roles in sales, marketing, accounting and information technology. Kevin previously served as president of Bank Intelligence Solutions at Fiserv and was an executive at the Bankers Bank in Atlanta, where he was chief financial officer and chief information officer.

Well-respected by industry peers, Kevin also served as president on the Board of Directors of the Association for Financial Technology and as a member and Chairman of the Financial Institutions Committee of the Georgia Society of CPAs. He is a certified public accountant and is a graduate of the Colorado Graduate School of Banking. Kevin holds a Bachelor of Science in business administration and accounting from Stetson University in Deland, Fla.