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FDIC ANNOUNCES FIVE KEY MANAGEMENT APPOINTMENTS IN THE DIVISION OF SUPERVISION

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FDIC Division of Supervision (DOS) Director Nicholas J. Ketcha Jr. has announced five key management appointments within the division. Two senior Washington Office executives and three Assistant Regional Directors have been named.

“These seasoned FDIC veterans bring diverse management and technical backgrounds to these important posts,” said Director Ketcha. “I look forward to working with each of them as part of our DOS management team.”

DOS promotes safe and sound banking operations through its examinations of FDIC-insured institutions.

The new DOS appointments are:

- Christopher J. Spoth, Assistant Director (International)
- Rae-Ann Miller, Manager, Risk Management and Applications Section I
- James C. Watkins, Senior Assistant Regional Director (Atlanta)
- Angela H. Holguin, Assistant Regional Director (Atlanta)
- Vanessa I. Villalba, Assistant Regional Director (San Francisco)



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Christopher J. Spoth began his FDIC career in 1980 as a bank examiner in Albany, Georgia. He later served as a senior bank examiner in the Kansas City Region. In 1986, he was reassigned to Washington, where he was promoted to review examiner and later served as Special Assistant (Acting) to the Executive Director. Other assignments include Acting Regional Director in the New York and Memphis Regions. In 1996, Mr. Spoth was promoted to examination specialist in DOS' Planning and Program Development Section of Policy, where he was instrumental in developing and implementing the Case Manager Program as the project manager.

Rae-Ann Miller joined the FDIC in 1989 as an assistant examiner in the Wayne, New Jersey, Field Office. In 1994, she was promoted to senior trust examiner in Talleyville, Delaware, and played a major role in several key assignments while on extended details to the New York and Washington offices. Ms. Miller was named Special Assistant to the Deputy to the Chairman and Chief Operating Office in June 1997.

James C. Watkins' FDIC career began in 1990 as a bank examiner in Albany, Georgia. He later served as an examiner in both the Chicago and San Francisco Regions. Mr. Watkins was assigned to San Francisco in 1992 as a review examiner, and in 1997 was appointed Assistant Regional Director in Atlanta, where he is also the Atlanta Region's project leader for Year 2000 examinations.

Angela H. Holguin began her career with the FDIC in 1984 as an assistant examiner in Lubbock, Texas. Later reassigned to Atlanta, she served in several positions: financial analyst, review examiner, and then Senior Case Manager. Ms. Holguin was instrumental in managing the Case Manager Program as the project leader. While in Atlanta, Ms. Holguin also served as Acting Assistant Regional Director.

Vanessa I. Villalba began her FDIC career in 1977 as a co-operative education student in the New York Region. Other posts in New York include examiner, review examiner and, most recently, Senior Case Manager. Ms. Villalba is also the interstate banking and minority-owned bank subject matter expert for the New York Region and has experience with international banking operations. She has handled a number of problem bank situations while in New York, and has also served as Acting Field Office Supervisor and Acting Assistant Regional Director.

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