



Community Bankers Graduate from Compliance Officer Boot Camp Presented by Community Bankers Association of Georgia

BRASELTON, June 21, 2019 – The Community Bankers Association of Georgia (CBA) hosted the inaugural Compliance Officer Boot Camp, held June 18-21, 2019 at the Chateau Elan Winery & Resort in Braselton, GA. Eighteen community bankers from across the state graduated with a certificate of completion and continuing professional education (CPE) credits.

The Compliance Officer Boot Camp provided comprehensive insight on working effectively as a compliance officer, as well as incorporating compliance in all staff roles. The topics covered were relevant for Compliance Officers, Managers, Specialists and Analysts, as well bank operations staff and management. The boot camp served bankers who are new to compliance as well as experienced compliance officers.

The Boot Camp was presented by Leah M. Hamilton, Vice President and Sr. Consultant from ProBank Austin, a consulting and education firm specializing in financial advisory services. Hamilton utilized lecture, written materials, breakout sessions and workshops to educate attendees. Topics included organizing the bank's compliance function, researching and understanding applicable laws and regulations, compliance examinations, and conducting compliance reviews & analysis.

"The Compliance Officer Boot Camp is the first of its kind," said Hamilton. "ProBank Austin is proud to be at the forefront of this hands-on educational experience for staff from all areas of the bank. Compliance is every bank employee's responsibility every day. Partnership, collaboration and networking are keys to compliance success and the Compliance Officer Boot Camp sets that foundation."

"Whether you are new to compliance or have been doing it for decades this class offers fresh ideas, new perspective and insight into emerging Compliance Management risks," said Lisa Berry, Principal, Banking Consultant with Warren Averett, LLC. "Whether you are a banker, an auditor or an examiner, the Compliance Officer Boot Camp will guide you to success."

A participant of the school, Donita Roberts, The Peoples Bank in Eatonton, GA, shared, "Leah was funny and added humor to compliance. The material is awesome and great to use topics were on target with compliance."

CBA's Senior Vice President, Kristi Greer, commented, "Our goal is to provide education, tools and resources to our community bankers to effectively and efficiently manage compliance while passionately promoting the state's sound community banking industry."

CBA's Professional Development team provides quality educational programs designed to advance the skills of all personnel in a community bank. Programs are held throughout Georgia and the Southeast each year based on the specific needs of community bankers.

For bankers interested in attending future programs, they can contact CBA at education@cbaofga.com to request more information and provide feedback on CBA's Professional Development programs.

About Community Bankers Association of Georgia

Community Bankers Association of Georgia is a non-profit organization serving community banks throughout Georgia for 50 years to enhance their profitability and growth. CBA was founded in 1969 by a group of Georgia community bankers to protect the political interests of locally-owned community banks. Representing 150 community banks and nearly 200 associate member companies, CBA offers services in four distinct areas which include political affairs, education, products & services and networking. For more

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