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Bill Pusey is a Managing Director, Business Development at SRM, a leading advisory firm with specialized expertise in sourcing, strategy, payments, and technology throughout North America and Europe.

Bill is an experienced leader in business development and client relations with a proven track record in banking and consulting. He is recognized for building strategic partnerships and driving organizational growth and believes in the importance of aligning client needs with innovative solutions. He has extensive expertise in deposit gathering, effectively leveraging tools to optimize this critical aspect of the balance sheet.

Prior to joining SRM, Bill served as an EVP at the Independent Community Bankers of America (ICBA), responsible for member acquisition and engagement. He also held various leadership roles at Reich & Tang, Emery Leadership Group, and Promontory Interfinancial Network. He has also spent time in management roles at various community and regional banks.

Bill has B.A. in political science from the University of Vermont.

TransWestern Capital Advisors, LLC is an SEC-registered fixed income adviser, exclusively focused on serving financial institutions. The firm was founded in the West in 2005 by **Kendrik de Koning** to serve community banks with separate account fixed income management, later expanding to a complete suite of investment banking and balance sheet management services.

Kendrik began his career with LaSalle National Bank/ABN Amro Bank in Chicago in 1993, then moved to New York in 1995 with ABN's opening of its HG corporate desk, then subsequently moved to RBC Dain Rauscher in New York. During his career he has worked with a wide range of financial institutions including banks, insurance companies, pension funds, hedge funds, and mutual funds, and served clients in continental Europe, the UK, and throughout the United States.

The three core businesses of the firm are (1) Tailored Separate Account Strategies, (2) OCIO, and (3) Management of a 1940 Act government bond fund. The firm has also originated and executed several mergers & acquisitions transactions in the banking and investment banking sectors.

Kendrik de Koning is a graduate of Indiana University (B.A., 1989), and The John Marshall Law School (now University of Illinois Chicago), Chicago (J.D., 1993). He holds FINRA Series 6, 7, 24, 27, 53, 63, 65 and 79 licenses, and is a member of the Illinois Bar Association.

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Outside of banking and bond markets, he serves as pulpit supply for various reformed churches around New York and New England, where he lives with his wife in Newport, Rhode Island. They have three grown children.

Kenneth Kelly is the Chairman and CEO of First Independence Corp and First Independence Bank, a commercial financial institution in Detroit, Michigan. Under his visionary leadership, the corporation has tripled enterprise value in eight years. He currently serves as chair of the American Bankers Association, representing the voice of the nation's $25.1 trillion banking sector, and has held leadership roles on the boards of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis, several FDIC Advisory Committees, and board member of the Detroit Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

Certified by the NACD in board leadership, Kenneth is recognized for his expertise in governance. He was chairman of the Auburn University Engineering Alumni Council and was honored by Auburn University with the naming of the Kenneth Kelly Engineering Academic Excellence Program Reception Area and served as the commencement speaker in 2021.

Before his banking career, Kenneth spent 27 years in the electric utility sector with Southern Company, where he led negotiations for major renewable solar projects valued at $3.4 billion. His leadership and entrepreneurial achievement have earned him numerous accolades, including being named one of Detroit's Top 500 Corporate Leaders and winning EY's Entrepreneur of the Year Award in 2024. He received the "Michigan Banker of the Year" by the Michigan Bankers Association in 2024. He was awarded one of eleven "Michiganians of the Year" in June 2026 by the Detroit News, for his contributions to improve Michigan for all residents in the state.

Kenneth is the author of Prepared Before I Let Go. Kenneth holds an electrical engineering degree from Auburn University and an Executive MBA from the University of Alabama. His wife is Dr. Kimberly Kelly PharmD and they have two children: Kerra Alexis is a 4th year dental student at Howard University and Kenneth Alexander II is a Broadcast Journalism graduate and an MBA graduate from the University of Alabama.

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Neil Levesque has long-held leadership roles in politics and governance across the state of New Hampshire, currently serving as the executive director at the nationally known New Hampshire Institute of Politics at Saint Anselm College.

Levesque joined the Institute as the executive director in July of 2009. He has since hosted a variety of state and national productions, including four Presidential Primary debates and numerous distinguished speakers such as Hillary Clinton, Mitt Romney, Donald Trump, and Kamala Harris. The Institute hosts over 200 events each year, providing students and the greater New England Community with first hand access to important civic engagement. Levesque also regularly appears on national news broadcasts and partners with national media outlets on political programs. Levesque is the founder of the Saint Anselm College Survey Center which regularly conducts polls on key political issues. He created the Arthur Young Presidential Library and is a co-host of the renowned Politics & Eggs series.

In addition to his roles in politics, finance, and higher education, Levesque has served on numerous nonprofit boards. He was the chairman of the New Hampshire Presidential Primary Centennial Anniversary Commission, and served on the boards of Catholic Charities, NH Food Bank, and served as the vice-chair on Catholic Medical Center's Board of Trustees. Currently, Neil Levesque serves as vice chairman of the Board of Directors at Pease Development Authority, which oversees New Hampshire's ports and harbors as well as the Pease International Airport.

Levesque grew up in Nashua, New Hampshire and earned his B.A. in political science at Wheaton College.

Chris Graff, born in suburban Connecticut, moved to rural Vermont in 1965 at the age of 11. His father had died the previous year and his mother had married a man who lived on a gentleman's farm near the end of a dirt road in North Pomfret. To Graff the 100-acre parcel seemed like the end of the world, but through the years he would come to cherish the spot as one of the most beautiful anywhere — and the state as home to some of the most special people in the world.

Graff graduated from Middlebury College in 1975 with a degree in American history. At Middlebury he entered the world of broadcast journalism when the news director of the college radio station, Jim Douglas — who went on to become Vermont's governor — was looking for students to help cover the funeral of a U.S. senator. Graff spent his four years at college working at the radio station.

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After graduation Graff went to work for Middlebury commercial radio station, WFAD, where he hosted a talk show, reported on local news, and covered the State House. In 1978 Graff joined the staff of The Associated Press as a reporter in the Vermont bureau, located in Montpelier. Two years later he was placed in charge of the bureau, a post he held until 2006.

In his years with the AP Graff covered the critical stories as the state transformed itself from a rural, Republican outpost into the state of Howard Dean, Jim Jeffords, Pat Leahy and Bernie Sanders.

Graff hosted Vermont Public Television's Vermont This Week from 1992 through 2006. He also hosted numerous other programs for the station, including Call The Governor and Report From Washington. In the 1980s he interviewed all of Vermont's living former governors for a series called "The Governors" on Vermont Public Television. The series now includes nine former governors telling the story of Vermont from 1959 through 2011.

In 2006 Graff joined National Life Group. He lives in Montpelier with his wife, Nancy Price Graff. They have a son, Garrett, who is a journalist, and a daughter, Lindsay, who is a marine biologist.

Sean Carter is the President and CEO of NEACH and its subsidiary, NEACH Payments Group (NPG). He is based in Burlington, MA, and is committed to strategic and innovative advancements in both payments and people. He adheres to the philosophy that innovation is simply about greater efficiency and improving the end-user experience.

As the President and CEO of NEACH Payments Group, Sean serves the industry at a personalized, one-on-one level. Specifically, he helps financial institutions, corporations, and vendors solve operational and regulatory challenges, manage risk, and drive financial and business improvement through a suite of audit, risk management, and consulting services.

Sean is a frequent speaker on payments topics at events and key forums across the country. He has spoken at national conferences including Nacha Payments; The Association for Financial Professionals; TRANSACT Connect, and CNP Summit, as well as many other regional gatherings.

With his focus on supporting the industry and shaping the future of payments, Sean has participated in a number of groups, including: the Fed Payments Improvement Security Group, Nacha’s Rules and Operations Group, Nacha’s Risk Management Advisory Group (RMAG), and the Center for Payments.

Sean has been certified by Nacha as an Accredited ACH Professional since 1999 and was reaccredited in 2004 and 2009.

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Shon Myers is ICBA Vice Chairman of the Independent Community Bankers of America (ICBA) – the only national organization that exclusively represents community banks.

Myers is president, CEO, and chairman of Farmers & Merchants Bank in Miamisburg, Ohio. He holds many leadership roles, including on the ICBA Executive Committee, Federal Delegate Board and board of directors. He also serves on the Policy Development Committee and is the Executive Committee liaison for the Consumer Financial Services and Bank Operations committees.

Active locally, Myers served as past chairman of Community Bankers Association of Ohio. He gives back through service with a variety of organizations and voluntary board positions. He is a member of Rotary International, and the Miamisburg Municipal Trust Fund Finance Committee, and serves as vice president of the Miamisburg Community Foundation.

Myers has a Bachelor of Business Administration from Kentucky Christian University and is a graduate of Graduate School of Banking in Madison, Wis.

Jonathan V. Gould was sworn in as the 32nd Comptroller of the Currency on July 15, 2025.

The Comptroller of the Currency is the administrator of the federal banking system and chief officer of the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC). The OCC supervises more than 1,000 national banks, federal savings associations, and federal branches and agencies of foreign banks operating in the United States. The mission of the OCC is to ensure that national banks and federal savings associations operate in a safe and sound manner, provide fair access to financial services, treat customers fairly, and comply with applicable laws and regulations.

The Comptroller also serves as a director of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and member of the Financial Stability Oversight Council and the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council.

Prior to becoming Comptroller of the Currency, Mr. Gould was a partner at the law firm Jones Day. He previously served as the Senior Deputy Comptroller and Chief Counsel at the OCC and twice served on the staff of the U.S. Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, including as its chief counsel. He has spent the bulk of his career in the private sector as a consultant and lawyer, advising banks and other financial services firms on regulatory matters and risk management.

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Mr. Gould holds a bachelor's degree from Princeton University and a law degree from Washington and Lee University.

Chris Logan joined Bank of New Hampshire and the Executive Management Team in 2017 and has over 20 years of experience in the financial services industry. He has played a key role leading the Bank into a $2+ billion institution. Chris is committed to delivering the best customer experience and building business through long-term relationships and enhancements in technology. Any bank can manage and move money, but Chris believes Bank of NH's difference is service.

Jim Kisch is the Chief Executive Officer and President of Passumpsic Bank, bringing over 30 years of experience in financial institution management, strategic leadership, technology innovation, lending, risk management, regulatory compliance, and finance. He joined the Bank in 2016 following his tenure as Chief Strategy Officer, Chief Product Officer, and Co-Founder of Continuity, a New Haven, CT-based Inc. 500 cloud computing software company serving community financial institutions nationwide. Jim earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Minnesota–St. Paul and is also a graduate of the Graduate School of Banking at the University of Wisconsin–Madison.

Prior to Continuity, Jim held a variety of executive roles in the banking industry, including serving at the Minnesota Bankers Association as President of its Insurance and Service Division and Consulting Group. He currently serves on the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston's Community Depository Institutions Advisory Council, as the Chairman of the Board of Northeast Home Loan, and is a Director of the Vermont Northeast Kingdom Collaborative. Jim is also Past Chair of the Vermont Bankers Association, a Corporator of Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital, a Fiserv Small Business Index Advisory Council Member, and a former Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston Advisory Panel Member. In addition, he remains active with the American Bankers Association, serving on the Innovation, Core, and Membership committees and having previously served on its Board.

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Brian Scalabrine was one of the most popular players in the game during his years in the NBA. After a successful college career, leading the USC Trojans to an appearance in the Elite Eight in 2001, Scalabrine was selected 34th overall by the New Jersey Nets. Although Scalabrine averaged 12.9 minutes and 2.7 points per game during his time with the Celtics, he was a part of the 2008 Celtics' championship team and had an outpouring of fan support. After his playing career, he was the Assistant Coach for the Golden State Warriors before becoming a Boston Celtics analyst on NBC Sports Boston in 2014. Alongside being the color commentator for the Celtics, Brian is the co-host of "The Starting Lineup," a basketball talk show on SiriusXM NBA Radio.

Teams: New Jersey Nets, Boston Celtics, Chicago Bulls