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Washington Bankers Association Welcomes Darrin Quillen as Vice President of Strategic Partnerships

The Washington Bankers Association (WBA) announced today that Darrin Quillen has joined the Association as Vice President of Strategic Partnerships, reinforcing the Association's commitment to expanding partnerships, strengthening member engagement, and advancing industry growth.

This new role will focus on building strategic relationships, identifying new opportunities for collaboration and partnerships, and enhancing the value of WBA programs and services for member banks and industry partners across Washington state and beyond.

"As the banking industry continues to evolve, WBA must remain proactive in how we serve our members and grow our impact," said WBA President & CEO Duncan Taylor. "This role reflects our continued investment in innovation, partnerships, and long-term sustainability for the Association and the industry we represent. We are excited to have Darrin on board and look forward to growing our relationships with our current and future partners."

After conducting a search, Quillen was selected, in part, for his deep industry knowledge and relationships throughout the business. In this new role, Quillen will be charged with helping expand the Association's partnerships into new areas and building out the network of WBA PROs endorsed partners.

"I am excited to bring my 29 years of experience in the banking industry to the WBA and their members, as well as partners across the U.S.," Quillen said.

He most recently served as a vice president for Synergy By Association, a subsidiary of the Oregon Bankers Association. He will work closely with WBA's education, advocacy, and communications teams to align WBA's business development efforts with the Association's broader mission.

Currently, the WBA offers its educational programs in 38 states and is the parent organization of the nonprofit CareerWork\$, which provides career development tools. The Association also runs the Bankers Care Initiative, highlighting the industry's philanthropic work in the community, and WBA Professional Services, which provides bank members with a high-quality line of endorsed products and services.

Founded in 1889, the Washington Bankers Association is Washington State's largest financial services trade association, representing more than 80-member commercial banks operating in every county of the state.

CareerWork\$® connects individuals from under-resourced communities to lasting, stable careers through accessible, high-quality training and builds supportive partnerships advancing equitable economic stability. Learn more at careerworks.org.