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WASHINGTON BANKERS ASSOCIATION WELCOMES RICK DARROW OF LIBERTY BANK TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



The Washington Bankers Association (WBA) announced that Rick Darrow, president and CEO of Liberty Bank, was elected to the WBA Board of Directors during the Association's October 24 meeting.

The Board sets policy and is responsible for the prudent stewardship of the Association's fiscal resources. Bankers are nominated by their peers to serve on the Board and are selected from institutions diverse in size, type, and geographic location.

"I've known Rick for many years, and he is the epitome of a community banker and is a great addition to this board," said WBA President & CEO Glen Simecek. "We are delighted to have Rick join us and look forward to the insights he brings."

"I am honored to have been appointed to the Washington Bankers Association Board of Directors," said Darrow. "This organization plays a vital role in advancing our industry, and I'm excited to contribute to its continued growth and innovation."

Darrow joined Liberty Bank in his current role in 2011. He has over 40 years of senior management experience in Banking. Rick was raised in Edmonds, Wash. After graduating from the University of Washington with a degree in business administration, he earned his CPA certification while employed with Pannell Kerr Foster.

He began his banking career in 1985 at University Savings Bank, a community bank in Seattle, Washington. His banking experience includes time working for Enterprise Bank, Washington Mutual, Charter Bank, and Boston Private Financial Holdings. Rick was a founding executive of Charter Bank, a community bank formed in Bellevue, Wash., in 1997. After 10 years of sustained growth, Charter Bank was sold to Boston Private Financial Holdings, a diversified wealth management financial services company.

Outside of work, Darrow is an active member of the Kitsap community, having served on the Poulsbo/North Kitsap Rotary, through which he has been involved in many service projects. He is an arts and culture enthusiast and has served on the board of the Jewel Box Theatre. He served for seven years on the Kitsap Community Foundation board and is currently on the board of the Kitsap Economic Development Alliance. In his leadership position at Liberty Bank, he encourages his team to actively engage in community service.

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.