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Bala Balkrishna is a Director, President and Chief Executive Officer of Commercial Bank of California.

Bala has nearly 30 years of banking experience in the Southern California area. Prior to founding Commercial Bank of California in May 2003, he was an Executive Vice President heading up the Commercial and Industrial Banking Group for First Bank & Trust in Newport Beach.

Bala currently serves on the Board of the Boy Scouts of America, Orange County Chapter, and the Advisory Board of the Orange Coast Community College in Santa Ana.

Bala graduated from the University of Delhi, India, with a Master of Arts in History, and obtained an MBA from California State University, Fullerton. He is very involved with his alma mater, serving as a member of the Dean’s Advisory Board for the Mihaylo College of Business and Economics and as a Cornerstone Society member in support of The Campaign for Mihaylo College. In 2005, Bala was honored by the College as a Salute to Business Leaders Award recipient.

Bala has two grown daughters and resides in Newport Beach, California. He is an avid golfer and enjoys traveling and fine dining.



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Corinne Baughman is a Partner and Director of Tax in the Orange County office of Moss Adams. She is also a member of the firm’s International Services Group and the Wealth Services leader for Southern California. Corinne

has 24 years of accounting experience, including seven years of Fortune 50 industry experience. She has provided tax compliance and consulting services to both public and private companies in the manufacturing, distribution and apparel industries. Her experience includes corporate reorganizations, buy/sell transactions, entity formation and liquidation, ownership transition issues, multi-state and international taxation, and representation before the IRS and state agencies.

Corinne graduated from California State University, Fullerton with Bachelor of Arts degrees in psychology and accounting, and received the Outstanding Senior Award. She went on to receive a Master of Science in Taxation from Golden Gate University.

Corinne is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the California Society of CPAs, and the National Society of Hispanic MBAs.

Serving on Mihaylo College’s Executive Council Advisory Board, Corinne is a dedicated alumnus. She is responsible for the Moss Adams Accounting Fellowship, made possible by annual gifts from partners and alumni at Moss Adams. Corinne participates in the College’s Professor for a Day program, and is a member of the Cornerstone Society, supporting the Campaign for Mihaylo College.

Corinne loves to travel and is nearing completion on one of her life-time goals: visiting all 50 states (without counting airport layovers)! She and her husband Kevin recently visited Africa for the first time, falling in love with the people and the animals.

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