

MAINE BANKERS

Association

2024 SENIOR LEADERS & DIRECTORS FORUM

MAY 22 | 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM | HILTON GARDEN INN, AUBURN

SPEAKER BIOS

Lindsey Piegza, Ph.D., Stifel Financial



Dr. Lindsey Piegza is the Chief Economist for Stifel Financial. She specializes in the research and analysis of economic trends and activity, world economies, financial markets, and monetary and fiscal policies. Prior to her role with Stifel, she was the Senior Economist for an investment bank in New York City for eight years consulting clients in the U.S., Europe, Asia and the Middle East. Piegza is a highly sought-after speaker, a regular guest on CNBC, Bloomberg, CNN and Fox Business, as well as a well-respected author. In addition to her role with Stifel, Piegza is an instructor at the Pacific Coast Banking School, a member of the Chicago Federal Reserve Advisory Committee, SIFMA Economic Advisory Roundtable Chair, and co-chair of the NABE International Roundtable.

Brenda Paradis, Monarch Information Security Consulting



With over 20 years of experience in highly regulated industries, Brenda has worked with hundreds of small and medium-sized businesses developing information security programs that are “right-sized” for the organization. In addition to risk assessments, governance policy/process development, business continuity, and disaster recovery, Brenda provides cybersecurity training and informational sessions for all levels of the organization.

Mark Benton, Systems Engineering



With over three decades of experience in the IT industry, Mark Benton, Director of Product Management, at Systems Engineering has focused on shaping the company's growth, innovation, and customer satisfaction. Mark leads product development, ensuring that offerings match customer needs and market trends, demonstrating excellence, strategic insight, and market savvy.

Michael Hynes, Systems Engineering



As the Software Manager at Systems Engineering, Michael leads a team of seven developers and oversees the AI practice that he helped establish with Copilot for Microsoft 365. With over 25 years of IT experience in various roles, Michael is adept at delivering technical solutions that address business challenges. He strives for excellence and client satisfaction in every software project he undertakes.



Kara Ritchie, FDIC

Kara currently serves as an Assistant Regional Director for the Division of Depositor and Consumer Protection. She is responsible for overseeing the territories conducting consumer protection and Community Reinvestment Act examinations throughout the New England states, the District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. Kara began her career with the FDIC in June 1993, as a Compliance Examiner trainee. In April 1997, she became a Commissioned Compliance Examiner and earned her Certified Regulatory Compliance Manager certification.



Rob Coile, Strategic Resource Management, Inc.

Rob is the Director, Community Financial Institutions at Strategic Resource Management (SRM). With over 30 years of experience in financial services, Rob guides SRM's clients through the process of contract negotiation, new program development, and overall execution and outcome across technology systems selection, payments consulting, and operations implementation. Before joining SRM, Rob spent a number of years in community bank operations as a COO and CFO, and was also a trusted consultant and project manager at Fiserv.



Bryan Mulcahey, FSVector

Bryan serves as a strategic advisor to clients on business and regulatory matters, with a focus on product development, licensing, and compliance. Bryan is recognized for his work within the fintech and Banking-as-a-Service industry, particularly as it relates to helping his clients develop innovative financial products, secure strategic partnerships, and build streamlined compliance programs. Bryan was previously a principal at Promontory Financial Group and chief of staff for the financial crimes division.



Kimberly Monty Holzel, Goodwin

Kimberly is a partner in Goodwin's Financial Industry, Consumer Financial Services and Fintech Practices. She advises banks and Fintech clients offering tech-enabled consumer financial services on compliance with consumer financial services laws. Kimberly works with payment services, blockchain and virtual currency companies on FinCEN's money service business (MSB) regulations and anti-money laundering requirements. She also prepares banks, lenders and Fintech companies for supervision by financial services regulators and represents them in connection with state and federal regulatory investigations, examinations, and inquiries.



Bob Montgomery-Rice, Bangor Savings Bank

Bob is President & CEO of Bangor Savings Bank. Under Bob's visionary and bold leadership, the Bank has transformed into a nationally and regionally recognized financial institution for its modernized and pioneering approach to the digital payments ecosystem, customer experience, corporate culture, and more. While doubling the Bank's asset size and vastly expanding its geographic footprint under his leadership, Bob is committed to building for long-term success. He drives success through diversified revenue streams, strategic acquisitions, and leading with the organization's mission of ensuring employees, customers, and communities thrive.