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Colorado Bankers Association elects leadership for 2019-20 year

DENVER – Bankers on Wednesday voted unanimously to elect three of their own to lead the Colorado Bankers Association in the coming year. A short biography of each is below. Photos are attached.

Joanne Sherwood, president and CEO of Citywide Banks will serve as CBA chairman for the 2019-2020 year. He will be assisted by Nathan Ewert, president of consumer banking for Adams Bank & Trust who will serve as CBA chair-elect and by Michael Brown, regional president of Alpine Bank, who will serve as CBA Treasurer.

“I am honored to take to take over as Chairman,” Sherwood said. “The CBA is a well-respected organization that not only provides support and resources for the member banks but is also an active advocate for our clients. As an industry, we have an obligation to serve and support the consumers and businesses in our community and the CBA has been a meaningful partner toward that mission.”

Joanne Sherwood, Citywide Banks, CBA chairman
Joanne Sherwood is President and CEO for Citywide Banks in Denver. She has more than three decades of experience in banking and has been with Citywide since 2000. As Division President, she has contributed significantly to the growth of Citywide. She has extensive training and work experience in bank operations, loan portfolio management, strategic planning, and staff development. She serves as a mentor to up-and-coming lenders and has developed a program to assist and support women as they progress up the ranks. She earned her Bachelor's degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in Finance from California State University at Fullerton and an MBA from Pepperdine University. She is on the associate board of the Boys
and Girls Club of Denver. She is also involved with Arrupe Jesuit High She has strong ties to construction and real estate and is an active member of the Home Builders Association.

**Nathan Ewert, Adams Bank and Trust, CBA Chair-elect**

Nathan Ewert has more than 22 years of experience in the banking industry. Currently he serves as President of Consumer Banking with Adams Bank & Trust. He joined the bank in 2010 as Regional President after more than a decade with HSBC. He is responsible for directing and managing the bank’s consumer and mortgage lending functions in 19 branches across three states. He serves as a member of Adams Bank & Trust’s Executive Strategy Team, in addition to sitting on the bank’s Credit and ALCO committees. Some of his civic involvements include: serving as the President on the Board of Directors for the Thompson Education Foundation; Vice President and board member for the Loveland Sertoma service club and, serving on the Government Affairs Committee for the Colorado Bankers Association. Ewert earned his undergraduate degree at the University of Nebraska - Lincoln and his MBA at Loyola University in Chicago. In 2013 he graduated from the Graduate School of Banking at Colorado, and recently completed the CBA’s Center for Bank Advocacy Program. Nathan and his wife, Jennifer, have a 13-year-old daughter, Brooklyn.

**Michael Brown, Alpine Bank, CBA Treasurer**

Michael Brown moved to Colorado in late 1990 from his native state of Oklahoma. In early 1991, Michael began working for Alpine Bank, Aspen as a customer service representative and later, as a lending officer. In 1996 Michael relocated to the Vail Valley, helping Alpine Bank to open locations in Avon and Edwards. He has been part of the Vail Valley ever since, and he currently serves as Regional President for Alpine’s Vail Valley and Steamboat locations. Michael lives in Gypsum with his wife, Stacy, and his two beautiful daughters, Emma and Ava.

**About the Colorado Bankers Association**

*The Colorado Bankers Association represents more than 95 percent of the 135 banks in Colorado, which have $146 billion in assets, 1,492 branches, and 21,944 proud professionals. CBA advocates for Colorado banks of all sizes and charter types before governmental bodies and the public to continually promote and improve the banking industry amid challenge and a changing environment. CBA proactively seeks to increase benefits for bank customers, improve value for shareholders, and grow a stronger business climate for banks and our local economies. CBA supplements its effective advocacy with superior industry-specific information and education for bankers, and various high-quality products and services. CBA focuses on creating a stronger economy and helping Coloradans realize dreams by building better banks.*

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