

Mark W. Nelson - Executive Vice President

Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer

Mark W. Nelson joined Columbia Bank in 2002 as Executive Vice President and Senior Credit Officer. In February 2008, he was promoted to Chief Operating Officer.

As Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, he directs the bank's commercial and consumer lending and branch banking functions, as well as the Private Banking, Cash Management, Marketing, Information Services, and International departments.

Prior to joining Columbia Bank, Mr. Nelson was Senior Vice President and Chief Lending Officer at Whidbey Island Bank. His 35 years of banking experience include serving in different capacities with Evergreen Bank, Bank of America and Puget Sound National Bank.

Mr. Nelson is a graduate of Western Washington University, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration and a Masters of Business Administration. He is a graduate of the Pacific Coast Banking School and earned a Certified Risk Professional designation from the Bank Administration Institute.

Mr. Nelson serves on the Board of Directors of the Bank of Astoria and the Tacoma-Pierce County Economic Development Board. He serves on the National Board of the Risk Management Association (RMA) and is a Past President and current Board Member of the Puget Sound Chapter of the RMA, where he has served as Director/Treasurer since 1982. He also serves on the Western Washington University MBA Advisory Board, and the Business Advisory Board of the Milgard School of Business located at the University of Washington Tacoma. He is also a Member of the Washington Bankers Association Senior Credit Committee, of which he served as Chairman from 2004-2006. Mr. Nelson is a past member of the Tacoma/Pierce County Chamber of Commerce Small Business Committee. He has been a Board Member/Division Leader of the annual Tacoma - Pierce County YMCA "Partners for Youth" campaign since 1984 and served as Director / Committee Chair of the Pt. Defiance Zoo Society from 1993 to 1996. He is a past President of Kiwanis, where he served for 15 years.