



"Growing Our Next Generation of Bank Leaders"

School II: June - December 2026

About the Program

Both 2026 LBA Leadership Schools, "Growing Our Next Generation of Bank Leaders", will meet in person once a month for five months. Students will complete online course work and assigned readings in between meetings. Class size will be limited to give attendees the opportunity for one-on-one time with the instructors and to network with other bankers in the course. Some of LBA's most respected instructors will conduct half day sessions on technical banking issues.

SSA Consultants will deliver individual and team development activities to the participants, including:

- The month prior to onsite training, initiate initial assessments using the Hogan Leadership Forecast Series which includes the Potential, Challenge, Values, & Coaching Reports
- Provide participants with one-on-one coaching to discuss individual Hogan results and implications to individual and team performance and career development
- During the months of onsite training, facilitate leadership development sessions leveraging the Hogan results and SSA's 40+ years of leadership development experience
- Administer iCapstone online leadership development modules that directly support the facilitated sessions and overall learning objectives of the program.

Who Should Attend

Current and future bank leaders from all areas of the bank; bankers who are/will be leading your bank into the future

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June 22, 2026 - Orientation Via Zoom (4pm-4:30pm)
 August 4, 2026 - Opening & Welcome Reception (6pm-8pm)
 Wednesday, August 5, 2026 - *Session 1*
 Wednesday, September 9, 2026 - *Session 2*
 Wednesday, October 7, 2026 - *Session 3*
 Wednesday, November 4, 2026 - *Session 4*
 Wednesday, December 2, 2026 - *Session 5*

Registration Fee

(for all Pre-work & Sessions June - December 2026)

\$2,750 member fee
 \$4,750 non-member fee

Registration & Cancellation Deadline

June 19, 2026

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June/July 2026

- ◆ June 22, 2026 - 4:00pm - 4:30pm: Orientation via Zoom to discuss program expectations - *additional information to come*
- ◆ Complete online Hogan Assessments
- ◆ Complete Coaching Feedback Sessions

Online course work - "Introduction" and "Leadership for High Performance Organizations" to be completed by August 5

Tuesday, August 4, 2026

- ◆ 6:00pm - 8:00pm: Opening & Welcome Session - Mike Anderson's Seafood, 1031 W. Lee Drive, Baton Rouge 70820

Wednesday, August 5, 2026

- ◆ 8:30am - 10:30am: "Understanding the US Bank Monetary System: The Federal Reserve Bank - Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow" by *Rebekah Durham & Amy Hennessy, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta*
- ◆ 10:30am - 12:00pm: The Role of the Regulators & Advocacy by Ginger Laurent and Joe Gendron, LBA
- ◆ Lunch - 12:00pm-12:30pm
- ◆ 12:30pm - 4:30pm: "Leadership" Presentation by *SSA Consultants*

Online course work on "Performance Management" to be completed by September 9

Wednesday, September 9, 2026

- ◆ 8:30am - 12:00pm: "Understanding Bank Financials, Key Performance Indicators, Liquidity & Interest Rate Risk" by *Jeff Fair, American Planning Corporation*
- ◆ Lunch - 12:00pm-12:30pm
- ◆ 12:30pm - 4:30pm: "Performance Management" Presentation by *SSA Consultants*

Online course work on "Communications" to be completed by October 7

Wednesday, October 7, 2026

- ◆ 8:30am - 12:00pm: "Regulations: Deposits and Lending Overview" by *Susan Costonis, Compliance Consulting & Training for Financial Institutions*
- ◆ Lunch 12:00pm-12:30pm
- ◆ 12:30pm - 4:30pm: "Communications" Presentation by *SSA Consultants*

Online course work on "Effective Teams" to be completed by November 4

Wednesday, November 4, 2026

- ◆ 8:30am - 12:00pm: "Current Technology Issues" by *CRI Advisors*
- ◆ Lunch 12:00pm-12:30pm
- ◆ 12:30pm - 4:30pm: "Effective Teams" Presentation by *SSA Consultants*

Wednesday, December 2, 2026

- ◆ 8:30am - 12:00pm: "Sales Leadership" by *Jay Toups, High Performance Teams by RMR, Inc.*
- ◆ Lunch 12:00pm-12:30pm
- ◆ 12:30pm - 2:30pm: "Leadership Wrap Up" Presentation by *SSA Consultants*
 - 3:00pm Graduation Ceremony with LBA Chairman as guest speaker



Rebekah Durham is the economic policy analysis specialist in the research department at the New Orleans Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta. She is responsible for interpreting economic data and qualitative information gathered from business and community leaders and presenting findings to senior leadership; a process that ultimately contributes to monetary policymaking. She also develops, researches, and writes original articles and data visualizations on labor markets, energy, and regional matters for the Bank's external publications.



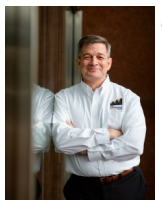
Amy Hennessy is director of outreach and economic education at the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta. Amy's responsibilities include management of the Sixth District's programs in community relations, economic and financial education and outreach in addition to serving as curator of the Bank's Monetary Museum. Before joining the Atlanta Fed, Amy taught high school economics for twenty-four years in Augusta, Georgia. From 2006-2009, Amy served as an AP Economics reader for the College Board. She is a graduate of the Education Policy Fellowship Program's class of 2012-2013. She was the Georgia Council on Economic Education's 2009 Economics Teacher of the Year and is the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta's 2017 President's Award recipient.



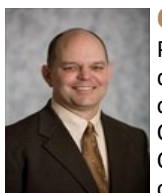
Jeff Fair Jeff is the owner and CEO of American Planning Corporation, a consulting firm that specializes in financial and strategic planning for financial institutions. He works with over 60 community banks in the southeast and is a frequent speaker on banking topics. Jeff holds a Masters of Finance from Louisiana State University, a Bachelor of Business Administration from Baylor University. He lives in Shreveport, Louisiana with his wife and son. When not working, you can find him at his duck camp or at an LSU baseball game.



Susan Costonis is a trainer and banking consultant. She specializes in compliance management along with deposit and lending regulatory training. She is a Certified Regulatory Compliance Manager and completed the ABA Graduate Compliance School. Susan also graduated from the University of Akron with a B.S in Art Education and the Graduate Banking School of the University of Colorado.



Jay Toups is the Principal of High Performance Teams by RMR, Inc., a Lafayette based company. His 30+ years of experience includes time spent at First Commerce Corp, Hibernia National Bank, Bank One, and Dixie Savings as a Lender, Branch Manager, Regional Manager, Retail Sales Coordinator, etc. He is currently working with community banks across the Gulf South helping them grow and prosper.



Craig Pourciau is founder and President of Professional Development Services, a leadership development and human resources consulting company. Prior to this, he was a senior partner with SSA Consultants for 11 years and is currently a Collaborating Consultant with SSA. His expertise in conducting organization assessments and delivering focused training on a variety of issues has led him to become one of the foremost facilitators and high-level change management consultants in the United States and abroad.



Dr. Christel Slaughter is CEO at SSA Consultants, and for more than 30 years she has led organizational change and planning efforts for hundreds of clients across the United States with a concentration of this work focused in the public sector. Her expertise is rooted in organizational design and development, specializing in change management, performance improvement, strategic planning, public outreach and engagement, training design and delivery, leadership development, facilitation services, and executive recruitment and coaching. Prior to embarking on her consulting career in 1983, she served as a faculty member at Louisiana State University for seven years as a Distinguished Alumni Professor. Christel holds a Bachelor of Science in Marketing and a doctorate degree in Systems Management and Organizational Design from LSU, and while preparing for her doctorate, the Academy of Management Doctoral Consortium selected her as one of the top 35 doctoral students in the nation.



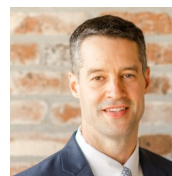
CRI Advisors, LLC provides IT assessment, consulting and training services to financial institutions, medical entities, CPA firms, and their clients. The Firm has been providing services in the IT area since 1999 and each year

performs numerous assessment, consulting, and speaking engagements with a team of experienced professionals retaining numerous certifications, including CPA, CISA, CISSP, and GPEN. For every engagement, the staff of highly trained professionals tailor the work for the unique makeup, size and complexity of the organization and information and reports are presented in a concise manner, making them easy to understand by those having a variety of IT expertise.



Ginger Laurent is CEO of Louisiana Bankers Association. She joined the LBA staff in 2000 after spending over 16 years as a banker in the Acadiana market. She holds an undergraduate degree in Communications and a Master's in Business Administration from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. Ginger is certified as a Senior Professional

in Human Resources. She is a graduate of The Graduate School of Banking at LSU, LBA School of Banking and LBSST. In addition to Ginger's role for the LBA, she also manages the Louisiana Bankers Service Corporation, Bankers Benefits of Louisiana and Louisiana Bankers Education Foundation. Ginger conducts in-house supervisory training and is available for marketing and human resource consulting.



Joe Gendron joined the LBA staff in 2007 after spending three years as staff attorney for the House Committee on Commerce of the Louisiana House of Representatives. His primary responsibilities are representing the interests of LBA member banks at the state legislature and with the Louisiana congressional delegation, and organizing the

grassroots efforts of the LBA on issues of importance to Louisiana bankers. Joe received his Bachelor's of Science in Accounting from Louisiana State University and his Juris Doctorate and a Bachelor's of Science in Civil Law from LSU's Paul M. Hebert Law Center. He is a member of the Louisiana Bar Association and served as a state district court law clerk to the Honorable Brenda Bedsole Ricks in the 21st Judicial District Court.



Registration

For multiple registrations, please make copies

Name _____

Bank _____

Street Address _____

City / State/ Zip _____

Email Address _____

Office Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Supervisor Name _____ Supervisor's Phone: _____

Supervisor's Email Address _____

Payment Options

Check (Made payable to the Louisiana Bankers Association)

Visa MasterCard American Express

Card # _____ Expiration Date _____

Amount to be charged on card \$ _____ Name on Card (Please Print) _____

Billing Address _____

Signature _____

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Cancellation Policy

Due to commitments we must make to secure this program, we need your help. The price of this program is inclusive of all 5 sessions. If you must cancel your registration, please do so by dates mentioned above for each school to avoid a \$1475 cancellation fee. Once your initial assessment is taken, you are fully enrolled in the class and no substitute registration is allowed. If you drop from the program after the first instructor led class is held, your bank will NOT be refunded for any of the costs associated with the program.

***PLEASE NOTE:** Attendance in each of the 5 instructor led sessions and completion of all online work is required to graduate from Leadership School. Failure to attend any part of the instructor led sessions and/or incomplete online work will result in a student not being considered a graduate of the school nor being able to participate in the final graduation ceremony nor being eligible for scholarship opportunities.

Location

The Bankers Center, LBA Office
5555 Bankers Avenue
Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 70808
(225) 387-3282 (phone)/(225) 343-3159 (fax)

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Hotel Information for Overnight Stays

Residence Inn by Marriott

7061 Commerce Circle, Baton Rouge, LA 70809
For reservations, call **(225) 925-9100** and ask for the Louisiana Bankers Association special room rate of \$129.

Submit registration and view roster in the Education Section of LBA's Website, <http://www.lba.org/>