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### ABOUT OUR SPEAKERS



**Elliot Garbus**  
*Strategy & Management  
Consultant, Elliot Garbus  
Ventures, LLC  
Paradise Valley, AZ*

Elliot Garbus is a strategy and management consultant who works with startups, established companies and VC firms.

Garbus retired from Intel Corporation in 2017 after almost 30 years with the company. From 2013 to 2017, he served as vice president and general manager of the transportation solutions division where he was responsible for delivering Intel's vision for connected cars spanning from In-Vehicle-Infotainment and autonomous driving to intelligent transportation systems.

Having worked directly with technology companies, automotive manufacturers, and automotive suppliers, Garbus has a unique perspective on the coming disruptive transformation that will occur as self-driving vehicles become reality.

Garbus holds 15 U.S. patents relating to microprocessor architecture and system design.



**Jelena McWilliams**  
*Chairman, Federal Deposit  
Insurance Corporation  
Washington, D.C.*

Jelena McWilliams was sworn in as the 21st Chairman of the FDIC on June 5, 2018 and is in the middle of her five-year term.

Prior to her role as FDIC Chairman, McWilliams was executive vice president, chief legal officer and corporate secretary for Fifth Third Bank in Cincinnati, Ohio. Before joining the bank, she worked in the U.S. Senate for six years, most recently as chief counsel and deputy staff director with the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs, and

previously as assistant chief counsel with the Senate Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee.

From 2007 to 2010, McWilliams served as an attorney at the Federal Reserve Board of Governors.

Before entering public service, she practiced corporate and securities law at Morrison & Foerster LLP in Palo Alto, California, and Hogan & Hartson LLP (now Hogan Lovells LLP) in Washington, D.C.

McWilliams graduated with highest honors from the University of California at Berkeley with a Bachelor of Science degree in political science and earned her law degree from U.C. Berkeley School of Law.



**Rob Nichols**  
*President & Chief Executive  
Officer, American Bankers  
Association, Washington, D.C.*

Rob Nichols is the president and chief executive officer of the American Bankers Association (ABA), which represents banks of all sizes and charters and is the voice for the nation's \$18 trillion banking industry.

Nichols joined ABA in 2015 following 10 years at the helm of the Financial Services Forum, a non-partisan financial and economic policy organization. Before joining the Forum, he was the assistant secretary for public affairs at the Treasury Department, a position requiring confirmation by the U.S. Senate.

Nichols is a recipient of the Alexander Hamilton Award, the highest honor of the U.S. Department of the Treasury. He also is consistently ranked as one of Washington's Top Lobbyists by The Hill and was described as one of the "new generation of trade group CEOs" by *The Washington Post*.

Nichols is a graduate of the George Washington University. In addition, he is a member of the board of directors of the International Banking Federation (IBFed), a forum that addresses issues affecting banking around the world.

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### Cindy Solomon

*Leadership Development Expert, Cindy Solomon & Associates  
San Francisco, CA*

For more than two decades, leadership expert, author, and keynote speaker Cindy Solomon has helped Fortune 1000 companies all over the world cultivate Courageous Leaders® and customer-focused cultures.

Solomon goes beyond battlefield analogies and sports metaphors to deliver real-life business stories, poignant facts, and actionable advice on next-generation leadership and service excellence in today's customer-driven economy.

Solomon is known for providing new and relevant information that can be immediately applied to daily work routines, leading to lasting results seen both in corporate cultures and on bottom lines. Past and present clients include Oracle, Cisco, Google, Salesforce, Raytheon, Wells Fargo, UPS, PWC, The Ritz-Carlton, Pfizer, and hundreds more.

Solomon is also a bestselling author on the topic of leadership. Her current books include *The Courage Challenge Workbook* for corporate employees and *The Rules of Woo*, the customer service guide for entrepreneurs and business owners that built a cult following among corporate managers.



### Laurie Stewart

*Chair, American Bankers Association & President & Chief Executive Officer, Sound Financial Bancorp, Inc.  
Seattle, WA*



Laurie Stewart is president and chief executive officer of Seattle-based Sound Financial Bancorp, Inc. and recently celebrated 30 years with Sound Community Bank. Originally chartered as a credit union, the bank has completed numerous charter conversions and is now publicly traded on NASDAQ. Sound is recognized as one of the top-performing community banks in the country and as a top philanthropist.

Active in the industry, Stewart was one of 14 bankers selected to serve on the inaugural FDIC Advisory Committee

on Community Banking. Subsequently, she was appointed to the inaugural CFPB Community Bankers Advisory Council, and in 2017, she was one of nine community bankers invited to the White House for a listening session with the President. She is active in trade associations, serving two terms as chair of the Washington Bankers Association and one term as chair of the ABA Government Relations Council. She also serves as vice-chair of the National Arthritis Foundation board of directors and is a director of the Seattle branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco.

Stewart was recognized as one of *American Banker's* Most Powerful Women in Banking in 2019 and was on its Women-to-Watch list four times previously. In 2016, she earned the prestigious Woman of Influence award from the Puget Sound Business Journal. She is a frequent speaker and teacher who loves to sew baby quilts for every new parent and grandparent at the bank.

Her community engagement includes serving as immediate past chair of the Woodland Park Zoo, volunteering as a court appointed special advocate, and climbing Mt. Kilimanjaro to raise money for cancer research.



### David Wasserman

*U.S. House Editor & Senior Election Analyst, The Cook Political Report  
Washington, D.C.*



David Wasserman is House editor and senior election analyst for *The Cook Political Report*, where he is responsible for analyzing U.S. House Races and is recognized as one of the nation's top election forecasters. Founded in 1984, *The Cook Political Report* provides analyses of Presidential, U.S. Senate, House and gubernatorial races.

In 2016, Wasserman drew praise for his accurate pre-election analysis, including his piece "How Trump Could Win the White House While Losing the Popular Vote," written two months before Election Day.

He is a contributor to NBC News and his election commentary has been cited in numerous top publications. He has served as an analyst for the NBC News Election Night Decision Desk since 2008 and has appeared on C-SPAN, CNN, Fox News and NPR.

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A frequent speaker and guest lecturer, Wasserman was named a Pritzker Fellow at the University of Chicago's Institute of Politics in 2019 and has shared his insights into the latest political trends with audiences at Harvard's Institute of Politics, the Dole Institute of Politics, and Georgetown's Government Affairs Institute.

In 2018, Wasserman's groundbreaking interactive collaboration with FiveThirtyEight, the "Atlas of Redistricting" took top prize for News Data App of the Year at the Global Editors Network's Data Journalism Awards. An enthusiast for data and maps, Wasserman served as a contributing writer for both the 2016 and 2014 editions of the Almanac of American Politics. In 2014, Twitter awarded David "Best of Twitter" honors for his real-time election coverage.

A native of New Jersey, Wasserman holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Government with distinction from the University of Virginia and was awarded the 2006 Emmerich-Wright Outstanding Thesis prize for his study of congressional redistricting standards.



### Jim Wetherbee

*Captain, U.S. Navy (Retired) &  
Former NASA Astronaut  
Bend, OR*

A six-time space traveler, Captain Jim Wetherbee, U.S. Navy (retired), is the only American astronaut to have commanded five spaceflight missions. After graduating from Notre Dame with a degree in Aerospace Engineering, he became a U.S. Naval aviator and test pilot. In 1984, Wetherbee was selected by NASA and flew twice to the International Space Station and to the Russian space station, Mir.

For over 35 years, Weatherbee's work as a test pilot, astronaut, director flight crew operations, deputy director Johnson Space Center, and a safety executive in the oil and gas industry have given him experiences and insights into dangerous businesses. He is the author of *Controlling Risk—In A Dangerous World*.



### Charles Dougherty

*VP & Economist, Wells Fargo  
& Company  
Charlotte, NC*

Charlie Dougherty is a vice president and economist with Wells Fargo Securities. Based in Charlotte, North Carolina, he covers the commercial real estate, housing, and construction sectors of the U.S. regional and macro economy. He regularly writes indicator reports, produces special commentary, and contributes to the company's Weekly Economic & Financial Commentary. His commentary on the regional and U.S. economy has been featured in various regional and national media publications, including Bloomberg News and The Washington Post.

Before joining Wells Fargo in 2017, Charlie worked as a regional economist and consultant for IHS Markit and more recently for CertainTeed, one of the largest building product manufacturers in North America.

Charlie holds a B.A. and B.S. in economics and finance from the University of Pittsburgh and an M.A. in economics from Temple University in Philadelphia. He is a member of the National Association of Business Economics, Philadelphia Council of Business Economics, and Charlotte Economics Club.