



Thursday, February 19, 2026

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Pre-conference Session	<i>Structured Thinking for Senior Leaders</i> Hank Czarnecki , Director, ATAC <i>Harbert College of Business, Auburn University</i>
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	<i>Registration and Lunch</i> <i>The Hotel at Auburn University & Dixon Conference Center</i>
12:00 – 12:30 p.m.	<i>Welcoming Remarks & Scholarship Winners Recognition</i> Damion McIntosh , Professor of Practice, Department of Finance <i>Harbert College of Business, Auburn University</i>
12:30 - 12:50 p.m. Session #1	<i>State of Alabama Banking Market</i> Michael E. Hill , Superintendent <i>Alabama State Banking Department</i>
12:50 – 1:25 p.m. Session #2	<i>Managing Legal Risks When Competing for New Talent</i> Hart Benton III , Partner <i>Jones Walker, LLP</i>
1:25 – 1:40 p.m.	15-Minute Break
1:40 – 2:15 p.m. Session #3	<i>AI in Financial Institutions</i> David Wood , Audit Partner David Fields , Partner, Business Consulting <i>Wipfli</i>
2:15 – 2:50 p.m. Session #4	<i>Competing Confidently on Unfamiliar Turf</i> Jason Clayton , Director, FIG – Balance Sheet Strategies William Brackett , Managing Director, Investment Banking <i>Performance Trust Capital Partners</i>
2:50 – 3:20 p.m.	30 Minute Break
3:20 – 4:50 p.m. Session #5	<i>Regulator Panel Discussion and a Special Recognition</i> Eric Wilson , Community Bank Division Manager, Alabama State Banking Department Ann Servaes , Deputy Regional Director, Atlanta Region, FDIC Gus Mueller , Director of Examinations, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta Justin Blair , Assistant Deputy Comptroller, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency Moderator: Ronald Snider , Partner, Corporate Practice Group, Jones Walker, LLP Honoree: Kevin Hagler , Former Commissioner, Georgia Dept of Banking & Finance
4:50 – 6:15 p.m.	<i>Networking Reception</i> Adrian Lang , VP, Senior Relationship Manager, Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta



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7:30 – 8:30 a.m.

Breakfast

8:30 – 9:05 a.m.

Session #6

Benefits of the Alabama Bankers' Association in your Community Bank

Rodney Rushing, EVP & COO, *ServisFirst Bank*

introducing

Scott Latham, President & CEO, Alabama Bankers Association

9:05 – 9:40 a.m.

Session #7

Meeting Affordable Housing Challenges in Today's Environment

Adrian Lang, VP, Senior Relationship Manager

ShaDonte Butler, Community Investment Relationship Manager

Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta

9:40 – 9:55 a.m.

15-Minute Break

9:55 – 10:40 a.m.

Session #8

Washington, D.C. Update

Michael Emancipator, Senior Vice-President and Senior Regulatory Counsel

Independent Community Bankers of America

10:40 – 11:25 a.m.

Session #9

Economic Update

Dave Altig, Executive Vice President and Chief Economic Adviser

Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta

11:25 – 11:35 a.m.

10-Minute Break

11:35 a.m. – 12:20 p.m.

Session #10

Guest Speaker

Coach Bruce Pearl, Ambassador & Former Head Coach, Auburn Men's Basketball

Auburn University

12:20 p.m. – 1:20 p.m.

Networking Lunch (Boxed Lunches available in Foyer)

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