Vanessa Washington

SENIOR EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

GENERAL COUNSEL AND SECRETARY

Vanessa Washington is Senior Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary for Bank of the West. She joined the Bank in 2006 and is a member of the Bank's Executive Management Committee.

As General Counsel, Washington oversees the legal, compliance and corporate security functions of Bank of the West and its subsidiaries. Based in San Francisco, she reports to Chairman and CEO Michael Shepherd.

Before joining Bank of the West, Washington served as Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary of Catellus Development Corporation, a NYSE publicly traded REIT, from 2001 until 2005. At Catellus, Washington provided legal counsel to the Chairman and the Board of Directors and managed the Legal Division supporting the corporate and real estate development operations of the Company. She also had management responsibility for the Compliance, Environmental and Human Resources areas.

Prior to joining Catellus, Washington served as Senior Vice President and Secretary of California Federal Bank and its publicly-traded parent Golden State Bancorp Inc.

Washington began her legal career as a commercial real estate associate at Powell, Goldstein, Frazer & Murphy in Atlanta, and gained further experience in commercial real estate work-outs at HomeFed Bank in San Diego.

Washington has volunteered for a number of community and legal organizations and currently serves on the Advisory Board of Directors of the Boys & Girls Club of Oakland. She also serves on the Board of the California Minority Counsel Program and is a member of the American College of Real Estate Lawyers, American Bar Association and National Bar Association.

Washington received her B. S. degree from the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill and her J.D. from Boalt Hall School of Law - University of California at Berkeley.