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Mark Levonian is Senior Deputy Comptroller for Economics in the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC).

The primary mission of the OCC Economics Department is to deliver economic and quantitative analysis to policymakers and bank supervisors. Mr. Levonian joined the OCC in 2004 as Deputy Comptroller for Modeling and Analysis.

Mr. Levonian was Vice President in Banking Supervision and Regulation at the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco from 1997 to 2004, and was a Research Officer and Senior Economist in the Economic Research Department of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco from 1990 to 1997. He was the Managing Officer of the Banking Studies Department at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York from 1987 to 1990. In 1992, he accepted a one-year appointment as Senior Economist at the Reserve Bank of Australia, where he conducted research and supported development of a framework for assessing capital for market risk at Australian banks. Mr. Levonian has provided technical advice to the central banks of Russia and Belarus in the areas of early identification of problem banks and regulation of market risk, and has consulted for both the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank. He also has taught courses in capital markets and financial institutions at the University of California's Haas School of Business in Berkeley and has served on the faculty of the School of Business at San Jose State University.

Mr. Levonian's personal research has resulted in publications and presentations in areas including deposit-insurance pricing, risk modeling, residential mortgages, market discipline in banking, capital allocation techniques, agricultural lending, banking-in-transition economies, and resolution of problem banks. Most recently, at industry conferences he has been a frequent speaker on risk quantification, model validation, and the Basel II capital framework.

Mr. Levonian has a Ph.D. in economics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and an undergraduate degree in economics from the University of California at Berkeley.

