



CLAUDIA RODRIGUEZ JOINS WESTSTAR'S EXECUTIVE TEAM AS CHIEF RISK OFFICER

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March 6, 2024 (El Paso, TX) – WestStar, the leading financial institution in the Borderplex, has announced the promotion of Claudia Rodriguez to Chief Risk Officer. As a member of the Executive Team, Rodriguez will continue to oversee all risk management functions, including Bank Secrecy Act (BSA), Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU), Compliance, Information Security, Legal, Audit, and Loan Review.

Rodriguez has been a crucial part of WestStar for over 11 years and has 22 years of banking experience. Under her leadership, her team has developed innovative and effective risk management solutions and guidelines to support WestStar's strategic risk management approach. "We are committed to providing our clients a secure and seamless banking experience. Our clients' security and safety are of paramount importance to us, and we are continuously working on improving our risk management program to fulfill this commitment," said Rodriguez.

Claudia Rodriguez has a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting and Computer Applications from the University of Notre Dame. She is also a graduate of the Western States School of Banking and ABA's Risk Management Foundational School. Rodriguez is a Certified Internal Auditor (CIA) and Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE). In addition, she has served on the board of the El Paso Chapter of the Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) and currently serves as President of the El Paso Chapter of the Association of Fraud Examiners (ACFE).

About WestStar

WestStar is a locally owned community bank with more than \$3 billion in assets. It services the El Paso, Las Cruces, and northern Mexico area (collectively known as the Borderplex region). WestStar provides businesses and retail consumers local access to a broad array of financial services, including banking, treasury management, wealth management, insurance, and title services. Additionally, WestStar team members serve on over 60 boards and committees of non-profit and civic organizations and participate in a wide range of community betterment efforts and philanthropic causes. For more information, visit the WestStar website at weststarbank.com.

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