



## **Claudia Rodriguez Promoted to Executive Vice President**

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**March 5, 2026 (El Paso, TX)** – WestStar is excited to announce the promotion of Claudia Rodriguez to Executive Vice President. Rodriguez is an integral part of the Executive Team, overseeing all aspects of risk management, including the Bank Secrecy Act (BSA), Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU), Compliance, Information Security, Legal, Audit and Loan Review.

With 23 years of experience in the banking sector, Rodriguez has dedicated the last 13 years of her career to WestStar, where she has successfully developed innovative and effective risk management strategies that uphold WestStar's commitment to rigorous risk oversight.

"I am honored to take on this role as an Executive and emphasize our dedication to the safety and soundness of our financial institution," said Rodriguez. "Our priority is to provide a safe and seamless banking experience for all our clients. We are committed to continuously enhancing our risk management programs to meet this promise."

Rodriguez's extensive expertise is complemented by her active involvement in the community. She served in multiple roles on the board of the El Paso Chapter of the Institute of Internal Auditors. She is a founding board member and Past President of the El Paso Area Chapter of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners. Additionally, she is the Treasurer of the Southwest Aquatics Team and serves on Prosight's Women in Audit, Risk and Compliance Committee.

Rodriguez earned her Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting and Computer Applications from the University of Notre Dame. She is also an alumna of the Western States School of Banking and the ABA's Risk Management Foundational School. Further solidifying her qualifications, she holds certifications as a Certified Internal Auditor (CIA), Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE) and Certified Enterprise Risk Professional (CERP).

As WestStar continues to adapt to emerging trends in risk management in 2026, Rodriguez's leadership will be pivotal in driving innovative solutions that support the institution's strategic objectives and reinforce its commitment to client security.

### **About WestStar**

WestStar is the only El Paso-based community bank and the leading commercial bank in the Borderplex region, which includes El Paso, Texas; Las Cruces, New Mexico; and Juárez, Mexico. With over \$3billion in assets, 14 branches, and over 350 employees, WestStar provides commercial lending, treasury management, wealth management, and title services across the region.

WestStar's roots trace back over a century and are built on the combined legacies of four local institutions: Bank of Ysleta, Bank of El Paso, First National Bank of Fabens, and Bank of the West (rebranded as WestStar Bank in 2012). These banks united over time and through mergers, ultimately becoming WestStar in 2016. Today, WestStar continues that shared commitment to relationship-based banking.

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