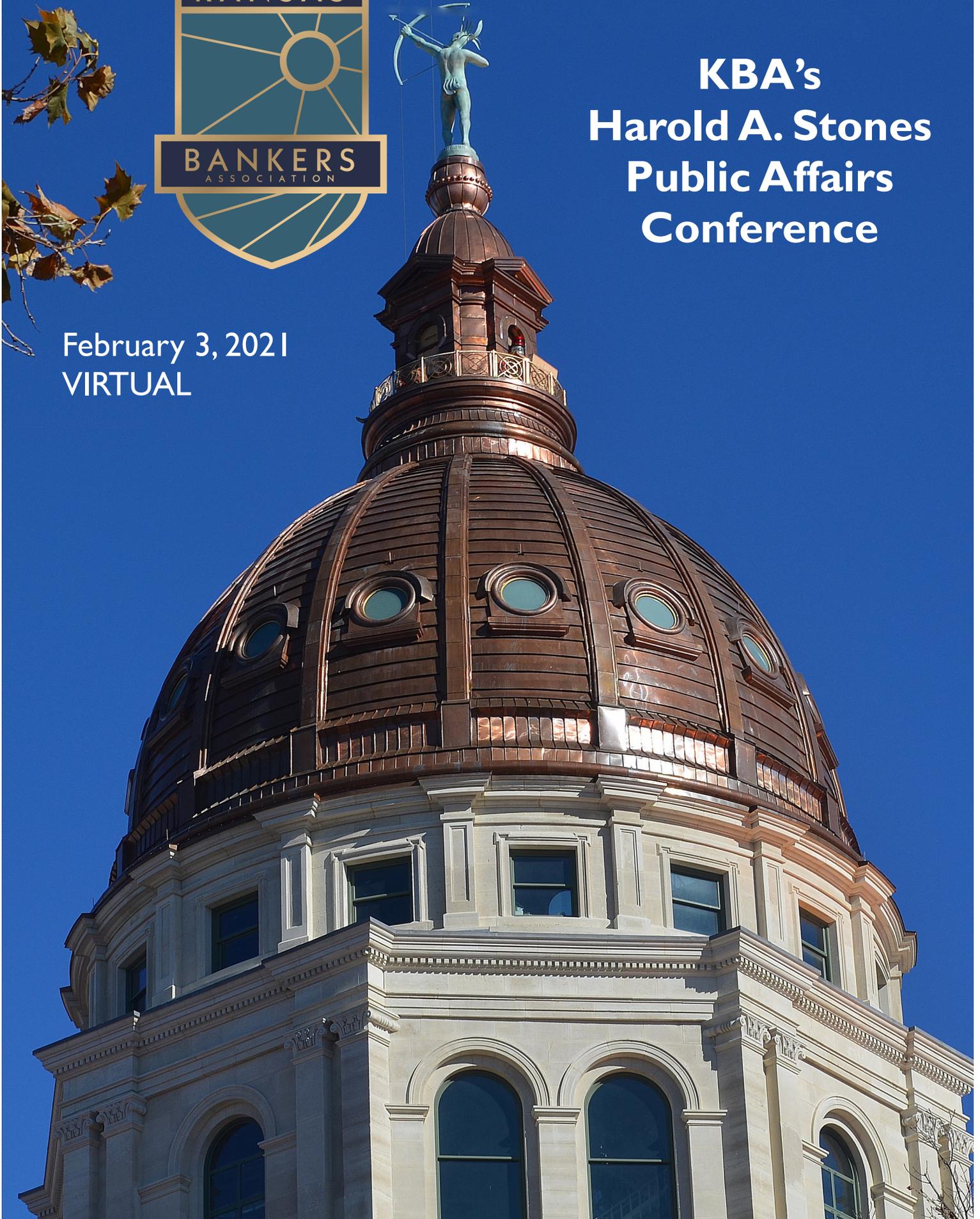




KBA's Harold A. Stones Public Affairs Conference

February 3, 2021
VIRTUAL





Kansas Bankers:

As the dust settles around the 2020 elections, we find ourselves standing with solid industry backing at the state level affording us the ability to maintain and build on our momentum. During this time of Zoom meetings and social distancing it is more important than ever for each of us to engage our legislators. These engagements need to focus on the potential we collectively have as we carry legislative opportunities forward in support of Kansas banks and the communities we serve. A launching point for our collective influence is the Harold A. Stones Public Affairs Conference.

Looking to the federal horizon, we will be engaging a changed leadership team at the White House coupled with split control at the legislative level. It will be imperative, as in the case above, that we are deliberate in our engagements with our federal representatives. Within the group we find a baseline of support, yet we need to work to create bipartisan consensus. We are thankful to have the continued leadership of Senator Moran who has committed to bring ECORA to the forefront along with solid representation for our industry. The addition of Senator-elect Marshall completes the senate team which is backed in the House of Representative by three of our four Representatives who consistently support our industry.

At the state level we will also focus on carrying the tax equity legislation that benefits rural Kansans over the finish line. The ECORA style legislation at the state level will serve as a launching point to move this same agenda forward at a federal level. This will not be an easy task, yet Kansas bankers have proven that we have the resolve to stay the course for the benefit of Kansas banks and the communities we serve. As we work together through the KBA we form the catalyst to create meaningful change.

In conclusion, my challenge for you is to ponder the impact you can have and to never sell yourself short. As we engage in the political process, we often are not sure of the perfect strategy to pursue yet one thing is true: inaction is never the right action. It is the movement of one individual —possibly you— that creates the movement of many, in turn creating a stampede. A reminder of this is our new mascot, Flint the buffalo, who embodies what each of you represent for your communities.

Simply put, people see their local community banker as a point of stability, strength, and safety. Just as a buffalo stands strong on the prairie facing the winds of change, we (Kansas bankers) stand in the face of political change and are challenged with the charge to lean into the wind pushing forward the agenda that protects, preserves, and promotes the way of life we cherish.

It is my hope and challenge to you to join the stampede as we gather at the 2021 Harold A. Stones Public Affairs Conference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jonathon C. Johnson". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Jonathon C. Johnson, KBA Chairman

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- 8:30 a.m.** **Welcome, KBA Chairman Jonathon Johnson**
- 8:40 a.m.** **2019 Bank Leaders of Kansas (BLOK) Graduation Ceremony**
- 9:00 a.m.** **2020-21 BLOK Class Re-Introduction**
- 9:15 a.m.** **Break**
- 9:30 a.m.** **The 2021 Public Affairs Conference Official Kick-Off**
- 9:35 a.m.** **Kansas Legislative Leadership Panel**
House and Senate Legislative leadership will discuss their priorities and answer questions about the 2021 legislative session, how they have dealt with governing during the pandemic and what they are doing to help with the next phase of economic recovery post-COVID. Featuring: Senate President Ty Masterson, Senate Minority Leader Dinah Sykes, Speaker of the House Ron Ryckman, and House Minority Leader Tom Sawyer.
- 10:35 a.m.** **Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt**
Attorney General Schmidt will give a brief update and answer questions on the work being done in his office to prosecute crimes against children, protecting senior citizens from scams and rip-offs, and impending litigation before the U.S. Supreme Court.
- 11:05 a.m.** **Secretary of State Scott Schwab**
Secretary of State Schwab will provide insight into how his office ensured the 2020 election was safe and secure. Schwab will also provide an update on the work his office has done to help streamline filings for Kansas businesses.
- 11:25 a.m.** **State Bank Commissioner David Herndon**
Kansas State Bank Commissioner David Herndon will address attendees and answer questions on the state of the Kansas banking industry.
- 12:00 p.m.** **Break for lunch, return at 1:00 p.m.**
- 1:00 p.m.** **U.S. Senator Jerry Moran**
Senator Moran will give a congressional update on the work being done on behalf of Kansans and what issues are on the horizon for the new Congress. Sen Moran will provide an update on the 117th Congress and share his thoughts on federal legislative priorities for 2021.
- 1:30 p.m.** **American Bankers Association President & CEO Rob Nichols**
ABA President & CEO Rob Nichols will deliver a Washington update, outlining ABA's top legislative and regulatory priorities for the coming year and providing insights on how administrative changes will affect federal regulatory agencies.
- 2:00 p.m.** **Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City President & CEO Esther George**
Join Esther George, president and CEO of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, and the region's representative on the Federal Open Market Committee in Washington, D.C., as she shares thoughts and insights on the current state of the economy.
- 2:30 p.m.** **Kansas Governor Laura Kelly (invited)**
Hear the Governor's comments on the state's response to the pandemic and plans for state-level economic stimulus moving forward.
- 3:00 p.m.** **KBA Government Relations Update**
- 3:30 p.m.** **Conclude**



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Registration Form

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While registration to the 2021 Public Affairs Conference is *complimentary*, we kindly request that KBA members register in one of the following ways:

- Email Sara Blubaugh at sblubaugh@ksbankers.com.
- Complete and mail this registration form.
- Fax completed registration form to (785) 232-3484.
- Register online at www.ksbankers.com.

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Honoring Harold A. Stones

Harold A. Stones began his career with the Kansas Bankers Association on September 1, 1967, serving as Executive Vice President from 1981 to 1997, when he retired after 30 years of service. In honor of his service to KBA and the banking industry, the Public Affairs Conference was renamed after Stones' retirement and has since carried the name of the Harold A. Stones Public Affairs Conference.

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