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Division Executive, Merrill Lynch Wealth Management
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Paul Lambert is Division Executive responsible for the Mid West Division for Merrill Lynch Wealth Management. He oversees over 2500 wealth advisors located in offices spanning 14 Midwestern states.

As Market President, Paul serves as Bank of America’s local enterprise leader across the Chicago Market. With a goal of delivering one company to clients and customers, he works across the region to connect Bank of America’s business lines to deliver integrated financial services to individuals, families and businesses. He also leads Bank of America’s corporate social responsibility work in the region, which leverages the unmatched capabilities of the company to help partners, people, communities and a broad client and customer base more effectively address a wide range of issues.

Prior to his current role, Paul served as Regional Managing Director for the Mid America Private Banking and Investment Group, where he led the firm’s ultra high net worth management efforts in the Midwest. Before relocating to Chicago, Paul was the Director of the Merrill Lynch New York Capital Complex based in Albany, N.Y. During Paul’s tenure in Albany, Merrill Lynch received special recognition as one of the Capital Region Business Review’s “Best Places to Work” in 2005 and 2006 as well as the 2007 Capital Region Human Resources Association “Spectrum Award” for promoting diversity and inclusiveness in the workplace.

Paul joined Merrill Lynch in 1992 as a Financial Advisor in the Rochester, NY office. He also held various leadership and coaching roles, eventually assuming the position of Associate Director for the New York City Metropolitan Region in 2001. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Management Science/Finance from SUNY Geneseo as well as the Certified Investment Management Analyst (CIMA) designation.

An active community leader, Paul currently serves on the Board of The Art Institute of Chicago, a member of the Trustees Committee for The Chicago Community Trust, and a member of The Commercial Club of Chicago.

Paul and his family live in the western suburbs of Chicago. Paul and his wife are involved with The Community House in Hinsdale where his wife serves as a Trustee.

Carey Pinkowski
Executive Race Director
Bank of America Chicago Marathon

Carey Pinkowski came to the helm of the Bank of America Chicago Marathon three decades ago, serving as its executive race director since 1990. During his tenure, the Chicago Marathon has experienced astronomical growth, expanding from 6,000 registered runners in 1990 to a record 44,610 finishers in 2018, including runners from all 50 states and more than 130 countries. For 30 years, Pinkowski has been a key player in building the marathon’s dynamic relationships with the city, the corporate community and the local neighborhoods along the course.

Under Pinkowski’s leadership, the Bank of America Chicago Marathon delivers far more than fast performances. Each year, the event generates an economic impact on the City of Chicago of $338 million, and, since 2002, over 128,000 runners have helped the Chicago Marathon charity program raise more than $207 million for local, national and global causes.

In 2006, Pinkowski utilized his experience as Executive Race Director of the Chicago Marathon to help found the Abbott World Marathon Majors (AbbottWMM). Pinkowski, along with the race directors at the Boston, London, Berlin and New York City marathons, created a series – which now includes the Tokyo Marathon – to award the world’s top male and female marathon runners. In addition to building interest in the sport’s elite athletes, the AbbottWMM continues to yield mass excitement and participation in the sport of running.

Pinkowski’s legacy with the Chicago Marathon includes designing its record setting and spectator friendly course that traverses 29 diverse Chicago neighborhoods, starting and finishing in Chicago’s “front yard,” Grant Park. Pinkowski’s course design allows for more than 1.7 million spectators to watch the race, making the marathon an annual gathering for the entire City of Chicago. Three of the Chicago Marathon’s four world records have been set during Pinkowski’s time: Morocco’s Khalid Khannouchi (1999), Kenya’s Catherine Ndereba (2001) and Great Britain’s Paula Radcliffe (2002). Great Britain’s Steve Jones recorded Chicago’s first-ever world record in 1984.

To commemorate his 20th anniversary as Executive Race Director, the City of Chicago and Bank of America bestowed Pinkowski with an honorary street naming – “Carey Pinkowski Drive” – at the intersection of Monroe Street and Columbus Drive, the site of the race’s start line.

In spite of directing the Chicago Marathon for 30 years, Pinkowski, born in Harvey, IL and raised in Hammond, IN, has only run one marathon: the 1983 Chicago Marathon, stopping the clock in an impressive 2:20:43. As a teenager, he cemented his legacy as a track star at Hammond High School in 1975 when he and two teammates, Tim Kough and Rudy Chapa, each ran two miles in less than nine minutes, becoming the first high school trio to ever accomplish such a feat in the same season. Their record stood for 39 years before three students from Long Island, N.Y. finally broke it in 2014. As a solo performer, Pinkowski picked up two state championship titles in the mile. He went on to compete at Villanova University where he was a three-time All American in cross country and track.

Pinkowski has received numerous awards including the Illinois Track & Cross Country Coaches Association Mentonious Service to the Youth of Illinois Award (1998), Chicago Area Runners Association Gold Medal Award for Event Production (1999), MarathonFoto/Road Race Management Race Director of the Year Award presented by Running Times magazine (2001), Runner’s World magazine’s Best Race Director Award (2002), the National Distance Running Hall of Fame’s Fred Lebow Award (2004) and USA Track & Field’s Allan Steinfeld Award for Lifetime Achievement in Men’s Long Distance Running (2009).
Dr. George T. Chiampas, DO CAQSM FACEP
Medical Director
Bank of America Chicago Marathon

Dr. Chiampas is an assistant professor in the Department of Emergency Medicine at the Feinberg School of Medicine at Northwestern University and Northwestern Memorial Hospital. He is the founder and co-director of Chicago Cardiac Arrest and Resuscitation and Educational Services (CCARES), a foundation that promotes public education, awareness, training and legislation on sudden cardiac death.

Dr. Chiampas has served as Bank of America Chicago Marathon Medical Director since 2007. During this time the Chicago Marathon has become a global leader in operational safety and emergency preparedness and response in mass event incidents. Dr. Chiampas has led grant funding from the National Scientific Foundation on mass event management. Chiampas has also served as a president and is currently a board member of the International Institute for Race Medicine (IIRM), which promotes runner and race safety globally.

Additionally, Dr. Chiampas has served as the chief medical officer for U.S. Soccer and the U.S. men’s national team since 2014. He is a team physician for the Chicago Blackhawks and previously with Northwestern University Athletics, serving as interim head team physician at Northwestern from 2011-2013. He serves on the Gatorade Sports Science Institute (GSSI) speakers’ panel.

Dr. Chiampas has authored numerous scientific publications and he has lectured at academic conferences and scientific meetings throughout the world. His primary topics of interest and expertise are mass event and community preparedness and safety, sports injuries, and sudden cardiac death survival and public awareness through CPR and AED availability.

He chairs the public safety and prevention committee for the Chicago Medical Society. His professional goal is to enhance sports and public safety for individual and team sports through mass event emergency preparedness.

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