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Bank's leaders graduate from 'Directors' College'

*Six Private Bank of Buckhead board members complete
Community Bankers Association course aimed at actively staying
abreast of changing financial landscape.*

Atlanta, October 11, 2011 – [Joel Arogeti](#), [Ron Beerman](#), [Adolph Casal](#), [Charlie Crawford](#), [Rick Huddleston](#) and [John Lewis, Jr.](#), all directors of Private Bank of Buckhead, recently graduated from the [Community Bankers Association of Georgia's](#) Bank Directors' College. The curriculum is part of CBA's Community Bankers University, and was held in conjunction with CBA's annual meeting in Savannah.

The students completed two interactive sessions including topics such as *Stress-Testing Your Loan Portfolio* and *Directors' Role In Credit Risk Management*. Arogeti, Casal, Crawford and Huddleston had previously completed the training prior to the bank's opening in December 2006, but participated again as a refresher; Lewis and Beerman, [who joined Private Bank of Buckhead's board this spring](#), participated for the first time.

In addition to completing the training, Crawford also participated in a CEO panel discussion, *The Strive to Thrive*, as part of the annual meeting. He is both a director – and chairman – of the bank, as well as serving as its president and CEO.

“Not only does our entire employee team continually upgrade its knowledge and approach, but our directors are eager participants in these trainings,” Crawford says, noting that all of Private Bank of Buckhead's directors – and members of its newer Board of Advisors – are drawn from the local business community.

The Community Bankers Association provides service to locally owned and operated community banks in Georgia. The 42-year-old Association has 250 members statewide, as well as approximately 225 associate members. CBA serves the state's community banks through political representation, educational training, networking events and group purchasing.

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“The role of a bank director has changed so dramatically over the past several years and our program has kept pace with this evolving position, which is so critical to a bank’s future success,” says Carolyn Brown, president and CEO of CBA. “This is one of our most beneficial and successful programs, and we take tremendous pride in helping our members refine their banking skills.”

Private Bank of Buckhead brings a private banking approach to all clients across all functions of the bank. The bank also is designated [a Preferred Lender by the U.S. Small Business Administration](#), and has a dedicated mortgage solutions unit, [Private Mortgage Services](#). It is located in Piedmont Center (Building Three).

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