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J. Frank Bell, III, and Richard E. Huddleston, both of whom are directors of Private Bank of Buckhead, recently graduated from the Community Bankers Association of Georgia's (CBA) Bank Directors' College. The curriculum is part of CBA's Community Bankers University.

The students participated in graduation ceremonies after having completed three work sessions in three locations across the state. The Community Bankers Association provides service to locally owned and operated community banks in Georgia. The 38-year-old Association has more than 300 institutional members statewide.

"Participation in and graduation from Bank Directors' College demonstrates our directors' efforts to take a truly active approach in our community-based bank," says Charles B. "Charlie" Crawford Jr., president and CEO of Private Bank of Buckhead. In addition to Bell and Huddleston, all of the bank's 10 other directors – including Crawford – previously graduated from Directors' College.

J. Frank Bell, III, is the founder and CEO of Intellinet. Richard E. Huddleston is general manager of CompuCredit, and served as a member of their board of directors until 2002.