

BLAKE HASTINGS SVP, CORPORATE STRATEGY & CHIEF ECONOMIST SWBC

Blake Hastings joined SWBC as Senior Vice President of Corporate Strategy and Chief Economist in July 2021. In his role, he helps SWBC continue to grow successfully by providing leadership in the areas of strategic planning and corporate development. He also conducts research and analysis on the economy providing insights to SWBC business leaders and customers through an array of publications, presentations, and webinars. Additionally, he provides direction in the assessment, evaluation, and management of risk throughout the organization. Most recently, Blake has been tapped to provide executive oversight and leadership to our Insurance Services and Employee Benefits divisions.

Prior to joining SWBC, Blake worked for the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas for over 14 years. He served as a Senior Vice President overseeing the San Antonio and El Paso branch offices; the Bank's HR function; and outreach to banking, business, academic, and community-based organizations of Texas, Southern New Mexico, and Northern Louisiana. He also served as a member of the Bank's Senior Management Committee leading several critical initiatives, including establishing a new leadership program to enhance the development of future senior management prospects, organizational change management and strategic planning, as well as leading several boards of directors and advisory councils.

Blake received his BA in International Economics and his MBA in International Business from George Washington University, where he graduated with top honors. Blake serves as a board member for the San Antonio Area Foundation and a member of the Santikos Enterprises Board of Managers.

