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### **Maryland Council on Economic Education Appoints First National Bank, McCormick & Co., and Venable, LLP Leaders to Board of Trustees**

BALTIMORE, May 24, 2016 – The [Maryland Council on Economic Education](#) (MCEE), a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving economic and financial literacy in Maryland’s schools, today announced it has elected three new members, Robert Barclay, Katherine Lackovic, and Gabriel Steele, to its governing Board of Trustees.

Robert Barclay is senior vice president of [First National Bank](#) of Pennsylvania. In this role, Barclay manages a team of bankers calling on companies with high revenues in the Baltimore Metropolitan market, is active in all stages of recruitment of new relationship and portfolio managers, and serves as a leader in the underwriting and credit approval process for all clients. Prior to joining the team at First National Bank of Pennsylvania in 2015, he was the senior vice president of PNC Bank National in Baltimore for eight years. He earned his Master of Business Administration from Loyola University in Maryland and his bachelor’s from the University of Delaware. Barclay brings over 30 years of experience in the banking and finance industry to MCEE’s Board of Trustees.

Katherine Lackovic brings 12 years of experience in sales and marketing to the MCEE Board of Trustees. Lackovic currently serves as the masterbrand marketing manager for [McCormick & Company](#). In this role, she leads the Holiday and Product Purity scale campaigns and is the primary contact for all agency resources across advertising vehicles such as television, print, digital, and shopper marketing efforts. Prior to her time at McCormick, Lackovic worked for Altria Sales & Distribution. She earned her Master of Business Administration from Loyola University in Maryland and her bachelor’s from Boston College. Lackovic was awarded the C.P. McCormick Leadership Award in 2015 for reinventing and leading the consumer product division’s annual planning process to allow more rigor in business analysis, richer management feedback, and improved sales team involvement.

Gabriel Steele is an associate attorney at [Venable, LLP](#) and a member of its Corporate Group. His practice includes a wide range of corporate and financial law matters, including corporate governances, securities transactions, mergers and acquisitions, with a primary focus on Maryland corporation law as it relates to real estate investment trusts. He earned his law degree from University of Maryland, School of Law and his bachelor’s from Middle Tennessee State University. Steele serves on the Committee on Lawyer Assistance Program of the Maryland State Bar Association, a program that provides confidential assistance to members of the legal community with alcohol and substance abuse, and other mental health issues.

“The Maryland Council on Economic Education believes that economic and financial illiteracy are widespread problems, but problems that can be solved through education,” said [Mary Ann Hewitt](#), Executive Director of the Maryland Council on Economic Education. “The members of our Board of Trustees are essential to help us connect with students, faculty, administrators, and business leaders to achieve this vision. We are thrilled to welcome Bob, Kate, and Gabe to our Board.”

#### **About Maryland Council on Economic Education**

For more than 60 years, the Maryland Council on Economic Education (MCEE) has worked to assure that Maryland’s young people leave school equipped with the economic and financial literacy knowledge and decision-making skills they will need to make informed, rational decisions as consumers, workers,

citizens, savers, investors, and participants in the global economy. MCEE is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and affiliate of the national [Council For Economic Education](#).

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