

INSURANCE DIVERSITY TASK FORCE

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Beverly Cole is an Independent Corporate Board Member of Bank OZK, a regional bank. Ms. Cole has been an executive in various industries, including financial institutions, entertainment/ media, hospitality, real estate and government regulations. She has over 25 years' experience in economic development and Supplier Development. She led both Walt Disney and Eastman Kodak Company's Supplier Diversity Efforts. Walt Disney's program, under her leadership, was honored in the U. S. Congressional Record. Ms. Cole was recognized by the US Senate, House of Representative, by the State of California, State of New York, by the SBA, various city, county and state government officials and by Governor Greg Davis for her innovative approach to supplier diversity. Ms. Cole is an Ambassador to the National Association of Corporate Directors Association, Pacific South West Region.

Ms. Cole was appointed by Governor Brown to serve on the Commission on Equal Access to Justice and appointed by State of California Insurance Commissioner Dave Jones to the Insurance Diversity Task Force as a supplier diversity advocate/ expert.

Ms. Cole is also on several economic impact funds and his consultant to both international and national private companies.

In addition to working in supplier diversity, Ms. Cole was a corporate attorney, a bank regulator with the FDIC and a fund liquidation specialist with the Small Business Administration and a property insurance underwriter with Chubb & Son, Inc. Ms. Cole has a JD from Fordham University and MBA from the Wharton School.