



Catherine P. Bessant Chief Operations and Technology Officer

Catherine P. Bessant is chief operations and technology officer and a member of the executive management team at Bank of America. Leading a team of nearly 95,000, she is responsible for technology and operations enabling all the businesses of the company. She also leads the company's information security and business continuity efforts.

Bessant serves as an advocate and executive sponsor for the company's LGBT Pride and LGBT Ally program, as well as the Disability Advisory Council.

Active in the greater Charlotte community, Bessant is the National Chair for Providence Day School's \$27MM Capital Campaign; co-chairs Novant Health's \$60MM capital campaign for a new heart and cancer treatment center; and chairs the North Tryon Vision Plan Advisory Committee.

In addition, Bessant formerly chaired the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce in 2005; the Foundation for the Carolinas from 2010-2014; served on the board of trustees for the University of North Carolina at Charlotte from 2013-2017; and served as co-chair on the Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools Citizen Task Force. To support and advocate for sportsmanship regionally, Bessant and family donated funds to match \$500,000 for a state-of-the-art field hockey facility at Queens University.

Bessant was awarded the Order of the Long Leaf Pine for her civic and business contributions to the state of North Carolina; recognized with the Distinguished Service Award by The University of North Carolina at Charlotte for outstanding service to the university and greater Charlotte region; and received the Women in Business Lifetime Achievement Award from the Charlotte Business Journal.

Bessant serves on the board of Zurich Insurance Company, and on the advisory board of the Ross School of Business at the University of Michigan, where she holds a Bachelor of Business Administration.

In 2017, Bessant ranked No. 1 among American Banker's "25 Most Powerful Women in Banking" and ranked No. 6 on OUTstanding's top 10 Leading LGBT+ and Ally Executives. She was also named among Working Mother magazine's "50 Most Powerful Working Moms" list.