

Abel Castro is an Executive Vice President at First Bank & Trust, and has been there for nearly 18 years, now serving as its Senior Treasury Management Officer. He lived in San Antonio where he worked as a Bank Examiner for the Texas Banking Department and then as the Credit Officer at Broadway Bank. He then moved to Slaton, working at Citizens Bank (nka Centennial Bank) and earned the prestigious Man of The Year award in 2000, presented by the Slaton Chamber of Commerce for his volunteer work throughout the city. He has been back in The Hub City since 2001, where he enjoys golfing, hunting, riding motorcycles, cycling and attending Chamber events. He is a Lubbock native and attended Texas Tech University, where he graduated with a degree in finance and had a short stint on the Texas Tech Baseball team.

Castro has been involved with the Lubbock Chamber since 2004 and has served in many capacities including Director on its Board and Executive Committee, Treasurer, Vice Chairman of Membership, Chairman Elect and now Chairman. He also serves as a Director on the Community Foundation of West Texas Board (fka Lubbock Area Foundation) and also serves on their Investment Committee. And he is a Director on the Lubbock Victims Assistance Services Board, where he serves as Treasurer. Previous boards and committee appointments included the Lubbock Water Advisory Committee, Lubbock Methodist Hospital System Board, Independent Bankers Association of Texas Leadership Board, Lubbock Independent School District's Foundation for Excellence, and The Lubbock Area United Way.

He has two sons, Luke and Will, who also work at First Bank & Trust and attend Texas Tech University.

Castro's platform includes continuing the success of the Chamber's Diversity Summit which was initiated last year under the direction of then Chairman Cory Powell. His passion is education and as such plans to be a strong advocate for the Texas Tech University Veterinary School and the approval of a comprehensive Texas public education finance reform effort, believing that a strong educational system is paramount for the continued success of our kids and workforce development.

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