Michelle Y. Lee
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Michelle Y. Lee is the Northeast Community Banking regional president for Wells Fargo, the fourth largest U.S. bank. In this role she provides executive leadership for all retail and small business operations in Connecticut, Delaware, New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania, which includes 761 retail banking stores, 1,256 ATMs, and more than 7,700 employees. She is also an executive vice president for the company.

Michelle has spent her entire 30 year banking career with Wells Fargo and its predecessor companies. Joining Wells Fargo (then First National State Bank) as a teller in 1984, she quickly assumed leadership positions of increasing responsibility including serving as Wachovia’s Retail Bank Executive for Georgia and as the bank’s Group Retail Banking Executive for East Coast markets from Connecticut to Florida.

A Newark, N.J. native, Michelle serves on the boards of the New Jersey Performing Arts center, Select Greater Philadelphia, the YMCA of Greater New York, the Alvin Ailey Dance School Foundation, the Alliance for Lupus Research (ALR), and Junior Achievement of New Jersey. She is a partner member of Choose New Jersey and is past president of the Marion P. Thomas Charter School Foundation in Newark.

In 2014, Michelle received the “Excellence in Business and Community Service Award “ from Project ReDirect. In 2013, she was honored at the Girl Scouts of Greater New York’s 100th Anniversary Gala for being a powerful role model for young women and in 2012, was honored for her support of the Newark School of the Arts.

In 2011, Michelle was recognized as one of NJBIZ’s Best 50 Women in Business list and received the prestigious New York Women’s Agenda STAR Award, which honors women who hold distinguished positions and who serve as role models. 2011 also saw Michelle receive Stand & Deliver’s Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Leadership Award for helping to improve the lives of youth living in Newark, N.J.

Michelle has also been honored by 100 Black Men of America, Executive Women of New Jersey and was selected for inclusion in the 2009 edition of Diversity Profile’s Women to Watch.