

Deborah Wapensky

Chief Financial Officer

Vectra Bank Colorado

Deborah Wapensky, chief financial officer of Vectra Bank Colorado, oversees all aspects of improving bank performance, including evaluating operations, building and leveraging the bank's retail network, investing in key businesses, land acquisitions, property development and sales. Known for her approachable demeanor, she's well respected by the employees and contractors she manages.

Since joining Vectra Bank, Wapensky has implemented many positive changes including putting in place a system that automates the bank's financial reporting process. The system makes operations more efficient, provides managers easy access to financial reports, and allows the finance team to analyze data so they may identify trends and opportunities.

Additionally, she helped create a new commercial loan-pricing model used for all loans with aggregate borrowings over \$1 million, which allows lenders to see full economic value of all relationships while providing the structuring flexibility that customers desire. Wapensky also collaborated with her manager of facilities to create a corporate campus, which enabled the bank to eliminate several leased facilities and significantly reduce operating costs.

In 2008, the *Denver Business Journal* recognized Wapensky's leadership by awarding her with its prestigious *CFO of the Year for Large Private Companies* award. The newspaper also lauded her work outside the office to support community nonprofits. Wapensky's passion for education led her to serve as chair of the board of the Children's Museum of Denver. She is also a member of the Women's Vision Foundation, for which she spearheaded the 10th annual Women's Success Forum in 2007, a leadership conference attended by more than 1,200 corporate women.

"I enjoy volunteering and most often choose to focus my energies on issues affecting women and children," says Wapensky. "I especially love working with children's organizations because educating our younger generations is so critical to the future of our country."

Wapensky has worked in finance for 20 years. She is a certified public accountant and earned her master's of business administration degree from New York University. She earned her undergraduate business degree from the University of Colorado.

Having moved to Colorado from San Francisco at the age of 6 months, Wapensky is essentially a native of the Centennial State. She loves to travel and has toured Europe extensively, even working in London for a time. Wapensky and her husband, Chris, and two young children, Allie and Tyler, keep active. They enjoy spending time together hiking, biking, golfing and playing tennis.