

2026  
HAROLD A. STONES  
GOVERNMENT RELATIONS  
CONFERENCE & LEGISLATIVE  
COCKTAIL RECEPTION



February 4  
Topeka



KANSAS BANKERS  
ASSOCIATION

**"There is one thing that the American people always rise to and extend their hand to, and that is the truth of justice and of liberty and of peace."**  
- Woodrow Wilson, 28th President of the United States



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## Honoring Harold A. Stones

Harold A. Stones began his career with the Kansas Bankers Association on September 1, 1967, serving as Executive Vice President from 1981 to 1997, when he retired after 30 years of service. In honor of his service to the KBA and the banking industry, this event was renamed after Stones' retirement and carries the name of the Harold A. Stones Government Relations Conference.

# KBA'S 2026 HAROLD A. STONES GOVERNMENT RELATIONS CONFERENCE

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2026 | TOPEKA COUNTRY CLUB | 2700 SW BUCHANAN, TOPEKA

**KBA will host a welcome reception Tuesday evening at the  
Cyrus Hotel (920 S. Kansas Ave.) from 7:00-8:00 p.m.**

**11:30 AM**  
**12:00 PM - 12:30**  
**12:30 PM - 1:30 PM**  
**1:30 PM - 1:45 PM**  
**1:45 PM - 2:45 PM**

**2:45 PM - 3:00 PM**  
**3:00 PM - 3:30 PM**  
**3:30 PM - 4:00 PM**  
**4:00 PM - 4:20 PM**  
**4:20 PM - 4:30 PM**  
**5:00 PM - 7:00 PM**

**Registration**  
**Lunch and KBA Welcome**  
**Legislative Panel**  
**Break**  
**Shaping the Future: Federal Policy Trends Impacting Banking -  
Kirsten Sutton (ABA)**

In this forward-looking discussion, Kirsten Sutton returns to unpack the key federal policy issues shaping the banking industry today. From regulatory developments to legislative priorities, gain insider perspective on what's coming next in Washington—and how it could impact your institution.

**Break**  
**Update from Kansas State Treasurer Steven Johnson**  
**KBA Government Relations Update**  
**2025 BLOK Graduation & Introduction of 2026 BLOK Class**  
**Closing Comments - Julie Hower, KBA Chair**  
**Legislative Cocktail Reception**

## SPEAKERS



**Kirsten Sutton**  
*EVP, Congressional  
Relations & Legislative  
Affairs, ABA*



**Steven Johnson**  
*Kansas State Treasurer*



**Ty Masterson**  
*Senate President*



**Dinah Sykes**  
*Senate Minority Leader*



**Dan Hawkins**  
*Speaker of the House  
(Invited)*



**Brandon Woodard**  
*House Minority Leader*

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**THANK YOU!**

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION - PER PERSON

Government Relations Conference - \$200

Government Relations Conference **AND BLOK Academy - \$250**  
**(Available to BLOK Alumni Only)**

Government Relations Conference for YBOK Members - \$150

**Add \$75 per person if registering after January 23, 2026.**

\*We understand that certain circumstances arise requiring cancellation. If you cancel up to 3 business days prior to the program, your registration fee will be refunded. \*Suggested attire: business (coat and tie for gentlemen). \*If you have special dietary needs or request special accommodations, please contact the KBA office.

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Cyrus Hotel, 920 S. Kansas Ave., Topeka, (785) 596-0500 for Monday, Feb. 2; Tuesday, Feb. 3; and Wednesday, Feb. 4 at a rate of \$155/night.

Reservations may be made by using [this booking link](#). **RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY JANUARY 2, 2026** (or when the block is full, whichever happens first).

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### Registration Form

2026 KBA Harold A. Stones Government Relations Conference & Legislative Reception

February 4, 2026 - Topeka Country Club, 2700 SW Buchanan, Topeka

#### Registrants:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Bank Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be staying for the Legislative Cocktail Reception?  Yes  No

BLOK Alumni: Will you be attending the Feb. 4th morning BLOK Academy? Yes or No (\$250 for both)

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Bank: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ PO Box: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Three ways to register:

1. Complete and mail registration form with payment.
2. Email registration form to [sblubaugh@ksbankers.com](mailto:sblubaugh@ksbankers.com), followed by mailing of payment. Please use this form as your invoice.
3. Register online using a credit card at [www.ksbankers.com](http://www.ksbankers.com).