



LOCAL SPOTLIGHT
Nashville

Born and raised in Columbia, Tennessee, Lee Blank holds a degree from Vanderbilt University and did the “West End Walk” to join First American National Bank, which later merged into AmSouth before Regions’ 2006 acquisition of AmSouth. Blank currently serves as the Market Executive and Wealth Management Regional Executive for Tennessee and North Alabama. He leads a team of wealth professionals, including wealth advisors, trust advisors, planning strategists and asset managers providing a comprehensive range of services.

A PERSONAL LOOK AT OUR NASHVILLE
PRIVATE WEALTH MANAGEMENT TEAM

“The company was celebrating its centennial in Nashville when I joined 43 years ago,” Blank notes as he reflects on his own history with the bank. “Some companies have locations here, Regions has roots. We have the longest operating branches in Nashville.”

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Healthcare Hub

Nashville's healthcare history transformed it from a local medical provider into a global industry capital. It was anchored by the 1968 founding of HCA Healthcare, which pioneered the for-profit healthcare system model in America. Frequently noted as the "healthcare capital" of the U.S., Nashville has more than 40 healthcare management companies and a focus on both public and private sector innovation.

"Nashville's healthcare industry directly employs more than 167,000 people making it the city's largest sector contributing approximately \$68 billion to the local economy," notes Blank. According to the Nashville Health Care Council's 2024 Economic Impact Report, the broader industry consists of between 330,000 and 370,000 total jobs (direct and indirect).

Musical Tourism

Powered by iconic venues like the Grand Ole Opry and the Ryman Auditorium, Nashville is globally recognized as Music City and is well-known as a premier country music destination. "Visitors can explore the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum and enjoy live performances on Lower Broadway including stops at the Johnny Cash Museum, the Music City Walk of Fame and The Parthenon in Centennial Park," says Blank.

Regions' Music Row office itself offers a nod to the musical roots running throughout the city and its own history.

Higher Learning

A major higher education hub, Nashville is home to renowned institutions like Vanderbilt University, Tennessee State University, and Meharry Medical College. The city offers diverse options, from historically Black colleges and universities to community colleges and technical schools.

There has been phenomenal growth across Middle Tennessee, which sees



an average of 100 people per day moving into the nine-county region. "The colleges, universities and trade schools attract highly talented people to the area and there is a focus on creating opportunities for these students to build roots in the region to fill the many jobs being created here, including those in the competitive finance industry."

Tenured Teams

Regions' culture is an ideal fit for this big city with small town values.

"Regions' business group leaders in Nashville have worked together for decades," shares Blank. "We pride ourselves on hiring and developing talent to build and sustain relationships that last. A true team effort in how we support clients helps maintain the generational knowledge and consistency, while providing culture continuity and an emphasis on putting our clients first."

NASHVILLE INDUSTRIES

1. CREATIVITY INDEX

Nashville is highly regarded as a top creative hub in the United States, frequently recognized for its vibrant arts, culture and high concentration of creative talent. Historically the city has ranked in the Top 10 Most Arts-Vibrant Communities by SMU DataArts.

2. HEALTHCARE MANAGEMENT

Known as the industry leader, Nashville is home to more than 900 healthcare companies and 19 publicly traded ones, employing more than 167,000 people.

3. AUTOMOBILE PRODUCTION

The city is a significant hub for automobile production, featuring major companies like Nissan, General Motors and Ford.

4. HIGHER EDUCATION

Middle Tennessee boasts more than a dozen public, private colleges and universities offering robust programs in music business, aerospace, healthcare and education.

5. MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT

Known as "Music City," Nashville hosts more music industry businesses than any other U.S. city, including production and publishing.

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