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Robert E. Blakemore III joins Mutual of Omaha Bank with over 30 years of experience in the financial services industry. As executive vice president, Wealth Management, Bob oversees brokerage, fiduciary services, investment management, employee benefits, and insurance services. In addition, he designs and implements investment strategies governing the portfolio management process for client accounts.

After graduating from Washington State University with a degree in Economics, Bob's first business venture was starting an airline. The all cargo airline operated the vintage Douglas DC-3 carrying freight to destinations primarily in the Pacific Northwest and Southern Canada. When the airline was sold in 1978, it was the nation's six-largest commuter cargo carrier.

Born and raised on a farm in eastern Washington, he also owned an agricultural implement dealership selling farm machinery, a building construction business and an electronics firm which specialized in monitoring circle irrigations systems. Never at a loss for big ideas, Bob also owned and operated a weather modification business helping farmers and ranchers squeeze water from unwilling clouds during the dry season.

Leaving the farm, his first stop in the world of high finance was with Merrill Lynch where he was one of the firm's financial consultants. His interest in the financial markets drove him to the future trading pits in Chicago and Kansas City. From there he went to money management firms and eventually moved to Arizona to become the Chief Investment Strategist for Chase Bank of Arizona.

Bob has served in similar capacities ever since, working for First Interstate Bank, Wells Fargo, Zion's Bancorp, First National Bank Holding company and now Mutual of Omaha Bank. He still flies and owns a Mooney 231, is a past president of the Arizona Soaring Association, member of Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) and the Baja Bush Pilots.