

Mercadante Riggan

of Davenport & Company LLC



Janet W. Mercadante

Senior Vice President - Investments

A 30-year veteran of the securities industry, Janet works closely with her clients and is wholeheartedly committed to their financial success. Janet started her financial career in 1990 at IDS Financial Services (now Ameriprise Financial, Inc.). Prior to joining Davenport, she worked for Truist, formerly BB&T Securities, for four years, and at Wells Fargo Advisors for 19 years.

Janet graduated with a B.A. in Economics and French from the University of Rochester. She has been a guest lecturer in personal finance at both Old Dominion University and Christopher Newport University. She served as a speaker and panelist at Senator Mark Warner's Virginia Women's Conference. As an active member of the community, Janet serves on the board of the United Jewish Federation of Tidewater, and on their Women's Cabinet. She also serves on the board for Girls on the Run Hampton Roads, which has fun, evidence-based programs that inspire all girls to build their confidence, kindness, and decision making skills.

Janet enjoys being active in the community, maintaining a healthy lifestyle, traveling, and spending time with family and friends.



Benjamin W. Riggan

Senior Vice President - Investments

Ben has more than 30 years of experience in the finance and securities industry. Prior to joining Davenport, he worked at Truist, formerly BB&T Securities. Before becoming a Financial Advisor, Ben worked as a Financial Analyst with Vail Resorts in Breckenridge, CO, and was an acquisitions analyst with Winston Hotels, a real estate investment trust based in Raleigh, NC.

Ben earned a Bachelor's in Finance from East Carolina University. He and his wife, Emily, have two sons and live in Virginia Beach. In his free time, Ben enjoys traveling, being outdoors, playing guitar, golfing and spending time with his family.



Jennifer Smart

Client Service Associate

Jenn joined Davenport in 2014 and until recently served as Davenport's Virginia Beach office receptionist. She currently works as a Client Service Associate providing operational and administrative support to a few Financial Advisor teams.

Jenn graduated from Old Dominion University with a BS in Interdisciplinary Studies. She is a Notary Public for the Commonwealth of Virginia. She and her husband, Dalton, have two sons, Robbie and Nolan. In her free time, Jenn enjoys spending time with her family, gardening, and attending concerts and live sporting events.