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After college he worked as a Loan Officer for the National Bank of Alaska and completed their management training program.

He later received a Masters Degree with Distinguished Honors in International Business from Thunderbird, the American Graduate School of International Management. He has lived, worked and studied in Spain and Mexico and is fluent in Spanish.

Mark was previously the State's Economist in the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development. Later he became the Director of the Office of Economic Development, where he worked on diverse issues including fishing, mining, tourism and international exports.

He also worked as an Economist and Natural Gas Pipeline Coordinator for the Department of Revenue, focusing on petroleum tax issues, the state's long term fiscal plan and developing the natural gas pipeline.

Mark currently is a Vice President at Northrim Bank, where he works in a dual role as a Commercial Loan Officer and as the Bank's Economist. He is the assistant manager of the Commercial and Industrial Loan Department. He is also an adjunct Professor of Economics at Alaska Pacific University.

He is married to Dr. Irma Edwards and they have two young boys.

It is my pleasure to introduce Mark Edwards....