

Nicole Ball, Moderator

Nicole is a Senior Vice President and Philanthropic Strategist with Bank of America Private Bank. Based in Newport Beach, California, she partners with Merrill and Private Bank advisors nationally to advance their clients' charitable missions.

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Nicole delivers custom consulting solutions to individuals and institutions, primarily nonprofit trustees and senior executives, to support their social impact goals. Her areas of expertise include strategic planning, community engagement, creating a culture of philanthropy, communicating impact, and sound governance.

Prior to joining Bank of America Private Bank (formerly U.S. Trust) in 2014, Nicole was a Communications Consultant for the Washington State Public Employee Benefits Board and a Client Specialist for Washington State Apple Health. Previously she was an Account Executive, Grants Manager, and Webmaster for the Washington Counties Insurance Fund, a public multi-employer health and welfare trust. She has served in and alongside nonprofit leadership roles for 24 years, starting as an educator for Boys & Girls Clubs and Art & Creativity for Healing.

Of Native Hawaiian ancestry, Nicole is a founder and steering committee member for Bank of America's Native American Advisory Council and an enterprise Co-Chair for the firm's Native American Professional Network, a 3,300-member employee resource group. In 2022 and 2023 she received Bank of America's Global Diversity & Inclusion Award in recognition of her advocacy for Indigenous people. She graduated from San Diego State University with a B.A. in English Literature and a B.A. in Fine Arts, integrating the two via a custom interdisciplinary honors program.