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2026 CROSS-BORDER *Conference*

OCTOBER 1-2, 2026



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2026 TMA CROSS-BORDER CONFERENCE

Planning Committee

The Cross-Border Conference Planning Committee is excited to welcome you to the 2026 TMA Northwest Cross-Border Conference at the beautiful Skamania Lodge.

Building on last year's success, this year's conference will bring together turnaround, restructuring, banking, legal, and corporate renewal professionals from across the Pacific Northwest and Western Canada for a program focused on timely issues, practical insights, and meaningful connections.

We are especially pleased to welcome Carl J. Riccadonna, State of Oregon Chief Economist and Head of the Office of Economic Analysis, as our keynote speaker. Carl will provide an outlook on the Pacific Northwest economy, followed by a panel of business leaders sharing what they are seeing firsthand across manufacturing, agriculture, and hospitality.

The program will also explore state, federal, and Canadian receiverships, distressed asset sales and recoveries, and a special luncheon session focused on managing stress and building resilience in the demanding world of turnaround and restructuring.

Combined with exceptional networking, group activities, and time to enjoy the Columbia River Gorge, the conference is designed to leave attendees with new perspectives, practical takeaways, and stronger professional relationships.

We look forward to welcoming you this October for another outstanding Cross-Border Conference.



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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

5:30 – 7:30 pm | Welcome Reception | Riverview Pavillion, sponsored by High Plateau Asset Management

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

7:15 – 8:15 am | Breakfast Buffet | Hood Conference Room

8:15 – 8:30 am | Opening Remarks | Stevenson Ballroom

8:30 – 10:00 am | Keynote Presentation: The PNW Outlook: That the Economist Sees and Operators are Living, sponsored by Miller Nash.

Carl J. Riccadonna, State of Oregon Chief Economist and Head of the Office of Economic Analysis, will provide an outlook on the Pacific Northwest economy, followed by a moderated panel of executives sharing what they are seeing on the ground. The session will connect economic trends in growth, labor, credit, inflation, and consumer demand with real-world business conditions, operating decisions, and regional risks.

Keynote Panelists:

John Hazlett, CFO, Willamette Valley Vineyards, Salem, OR

Kara Owen, General Manager, Skamania Lodge, Stevenson, WA

Coffee Break | 10:00 – 10:15 am

10:15 – 11:05 am | Taking Control: Receiverships in State, Federal, and Canadian Proceedings

A moderated panel of leading state, federal, and Canadian receivers and special asset bankers will share practical experiences from their respective jurisdictions, highlighting the key differences in authority, process, stakeholder management, asset control, and court oversight. The session will provide attendees with a comparative view of how receiverships are used across jurisdictions and what professionals should understand when navigating different types of receivership proceedings.

Moderator: Gene Buccola, CEO, High Plateau Asset Management, Bend, OR

Alex Corbett, VP Risk Advisory and Management, ATB Financial, Calgary, AB

Laurie Hagar, Partner, Snell & Wilmer, Portland, OR

Pantelis Kyriakakis, Partner, McCarthy Tétrault, Calgary, AB

Seth Moldoff, Special Assets Director, Columbia Bank, Lafayette, CA

11:10 am – 12:00 pm | When Collateral Becomes Cash: The Legal and Practical Realities of Distressed Sales

This panel will explain how distressed assets are turned into cash. Panelists will discuss valuation, sale strategy, legal issues, auctions, buyer demand, and common challenges that impact recovery, while sharing how professionals work together to preserve value and complete a successful sale process.

Moderator: Jason Wax, Partner, Bush Kornfeld, Seattle, WA

David Criswell, Partner, Miller Nash, Portland, OR

Lisa Hiebert, Partner, Fasken, Vancouver, BC

Colin Murphy, President, James G. Murphy, Marysville, WA

12:00 – 12:30 pm | Lunch Buffet | Hood Conference Room

12:30 – 1:20 pm | Luncheon Session - From Pressure to Possibility: Resilience Lessons for Turnaround Professionals

Presented by, Dr. Nicole Villegas, Founder & Director, of the Sensory Conscious Institute

Turnaround professionals operate in high-pressure environments where conflict, uncertainty, urgency, and difficult decisions are part of the job. In this lunch session, a trained therapist shares their powerful story of resilience and recovery, offering a practical perspective on how to stay grounded when the pressure is high.

1:20 – 1:30 pm | Closing Remarks & Break for Activities

2:00 – 4:30 pm | Open Afternoon - Activities sponsored by Bush Kornfeld & Sussman Shank

4:30 – 6:30 pm | Closing Reception - Garden Patio, sponsored by Newpoint Advisors

KEYNOTE *Presentation*



CARL RICCADONNA

Speaker & Moderator
State of Oregon Chief Economist and
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Salem, OR

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RECEIVERSHIP

Panelists



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DISTRESSED SALES

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Seattle, WA

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David Criswell
Partner, Miller Nash
Portland, OR

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Lisa Hiebert
Partner, Fasken
Vancouver, BC

BIO



Colin Murphy
President, James G. Murphy Company
Marysville, WA

BIO

LUNCHEON SESSION

Presentation



Speaker

DR. NICOLE VILLEGAS, OTD, MSOT, OTR/L

Founder & Director,
Sensory Conscious Institute, Portland, OR

[BIO](#)

Dr. Nicole Villegas, OTD's perspective on resilience is both professional and deeply personal. After a heatstroke while mountain biking on Wy'east (Mt. Hood) changed the course of her life, Nicole came to understand the difference between enduring hard things and having the capacity to recover from them. Today, she works with professionals who carry enormous responsibility and are called to stay steady when the stakes are high and their clients are having some of their worst days.

Dr. Nicole is an occupational therapist, somatic trauma practitioner, educator, entrepreneur, and founder of the Sensory Conscious® Institute. An alum of the University of California, Davis and Boston University, they have spoken at TEDx, universities, and professional conferences. Their expertise has been featured in BBC Worklife, Forbes, The Associated Press, Men's Journal, and Verywell Health, and their work has been published in clinical textbooks on health, lifestyle, and behavior change.

Nicole mentors accomplished founders and leaders on the human side of high performance, helping them meet the demands of their work without sacrificing their health, relationships, or sense of self.

Outside of work, Nicole can often be found exploring the beautiful Pacific Northwest, including, yes, occasionally back on a mountain bike.



Nestled in the heart of the breathtaking Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area, **Skamania Lodge** offers a perfect backdrop for the 2026 Cross-Border Conference. Surrounded by towering evergreens, sweeping mountain views, and the majestic Columbia River, this premier Pacific Northwest destination combines natural beauty with modern comfort, creating an inspiring setting to learn, connect, and recharge.

Whether you're networking with colleagues on the lodge's scenic grounds, exploring miles of hiking trails, enjoying world-class amenities, or simply relaxing on the expansive outdoor patio, Skamania Lodge offers an unforgettable experience beyond the conference sessions. From outdoor adventures to peaceful moments immersed in nature, attendees will discover why this iconic destination is the ideal place to build meaningful connections while experiencing the very best of the Pacific Northwest.



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👉 **TMA NW Cross Border Conference**

OR by calling 844-432-4748 and referencing TMA NW Cross-Border Conference.

Reservations at the special group rate of \$297.85 + \$40 per room resort fee are available now through September 11, 2026.

For those looking to add a little relaxation to their conference experience, Skamania Lodge offers an exceptional wellness escape. **Conference attendees and their guests are eligible for a 10% discount on spa services at Waterleaf Spa,** where a variety of rejuvenating treatments and stunning Gorge views create the perfect setting to relax and recharge.

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