

2026 Editorial Calendar

		AD CLOSE	ART DUE
JAN	Community Bank CEO Outlook Payments Trends, Growth Strategies; Regulatory & Risk Outlook; Lending Outlook; Customer Acquisition & Retention	NOV 18	DEC 5
FEB	ICBA LIVE Preview Fintech Solutions; Compliance Update; Minority-Owned Bank Focus; Bank Board Onboarding; Fraud Mitigation Strategies	DEC 18	JAN 12
MAR	Marketing & Customer Acquisition Cybersecurity Update; Retail Banking Trends; The Future of Marketing; Treasury Management <i>Special Section: Guest Experts—Customer Acquisition + Bonus Distribution: Bank Marketing Titles, ICBA LIVE</i>	JAN 14	FEB 3
APR	Advocacy Community Banking Month/Bank Locally ; Policy Outlook; Core Considerations; Recruitment & Retention Strategies <i>Special Section: Guest Experts—Core Technology</i>	FEB 18	MAR 5
MAY	Fraud Prevention Business Payments; SBA/Commercial Lending; Legal Services; Back-Office Technology; Vendor Management <i>Special Section: Fraud Prevention</i>	MAR 18	APR 2
JUN/ JULY	Lending 40 Under 40: Community Bank Leaders ; Outstanding Lenders; Lending Roundup (Consumer/Mortgage/Ag/Commercial); Leadership Succession; Elder Fraud Prevention; Payments Trend <i>Special Section: Guest Experts—Lending + Bonus Distribution: Non-Member Bank Presidents & CEOs</i>	APR 17	MAY 5
AUG	Budgeting CFO Perspectives; Regulatory Audit Update; Compensation & Benefits; Expense Saving; Financial Accounting & Reporting <i>Special Section: Partnering for Success + Bonus Distribution: Non-Member Bank Presidents & CEOs</i>	JUNE 18	JULY 6
SEP	Compliance & Risk AI Risk; National Community Bank Service Awards; Payment Strategies; Regulatory Compliance Focus; Reputation Management; Risk Management/BSA/AML <i>Special Section: Guest Experts—Compliance</i>	JULY 17	AUG 3
OCT	Cybersecurity Fraud Solutions; Lending Niches; Wealth Management/Trusts; Core Considerations; Insurance Issues <i>Special Section: Guest Experts—Cybersecurity Threats & Solutions</i>	AUG 18	SEP 2
NOV	Digital Banking Artificial Intelligence (AI); Fintech Partnerships; Data Strategy; Digital Experience <i>Special Section: Digital Banking + Bonus Distribution: Bank Technology Titles</i>	SEPT 18	OCT 6
DEC	Best Community Banks To Work For 2026 ICBA Corporate Member Directory ; Best of Fraud; Best of Leadership; Best of Innovation; Best of Service; Best of Lending <i>Bonus Distribution: All Non-Member Bank Presidents & CEOs</i>	OCT 16	NOV 2

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