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Founder and Chief Executive Officer
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Before founding Promontory, Gene was Vice Chairman and Senior Control Officer of Bankers Trust New York Corp. He was instrumental in steering the firm through its landmark merger with Deutsche Bank.

As U.S. Comptroller of the Currency from 1993 to 1998, Gene served as the Clinton Administration's point person on the policy response to the credit crunch of the early 1990s. He fashioned an 11-point plan that was instrumental in ending the credit crunch and helping banks begin to lend again and fulfill their role of supporting the economy. Under his purview, lending to low and moderate income Americans increased tenfold, as did national bank investments in community development corporations. He brought 27 fair-lending cases, resulting in tens of millions of dollars in fines against violators.

While he was Comptroller, Gene served as Chairman of the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council (FFIEC), a member of the Basel Committee on International Bank Supervision, a Director of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), and Chairman of the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation.

Before becoming Comptroller, Gene was a partner in the law firm of Covington & Burling, specializing in banking law. He has written numerous articles on banking and finance for scholarly journals and publications and has been a guest lecturer at Yale and Harvard law schools and Georgetown University's International Law Institute. He has also lectured at the Yale Business School and Harvard's Kennedy School of Government.

In addition to his role at Promontory Financial Group, Gene is Chairman and Co-Founder of Promontory Interfinancial Network and Managing Principal of CapGen Financial, a private equity firm.

Gene was born in Brooklyn, New York, and raised in York, Pennsylvania. He graduated magna cum laude from Haverford College and received a scholarship to Oxford University, where he earned a M.A. as a Keasbey Fellow. He holds a J.D. from Yale University, where he was editor of the Yale Law Journal and chairman of Yale Legislative Services.