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For more than a decade, George Mokrzan has provided economic analysis and forecasting for Huntington Bancshares Incorporated, a regional bank headquartered in Columbus, Ohio since 1866. Mokrzan performs macroeconomic analyses of the U.S. and world economies in support of Huntington's investment management business, the Private Financial and Capital Markets Group, which manages over \$13 billion in financial assets including the Huntington Funds.

He developed the Cyclical Vector Auto-Regression (V.A.R.) model to forecast major turning points in the economy, and relative industry and sector stock price probabilities. He has accurately forecasted many upturns and downturns in the economy since the late 1990s, including the current recovery. As far back as late 2005 and early 2006, he was one of the few economists who accurately predicted the national housing correction, and the cyclical slowdown in the economy that it fostered. He was also one of the few forecasters in the early part of the decade to forecast CPI inflation rates of 4% and more in the middle of the decade, and the general rise in energy prices.

Mokrzan serves on the Economic Advisory Council (EAC) of the American Bankers' Association (ABA). He is one of a small group of economists chosen from geographically diverse areas of the United States to provide guidance on banking and economic issues for the ABA. Most recently, he has become a panelist for the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia Livingston Survey.

He has served on the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) Economists' Roundtable, and other public service providing organizations. He is also a contributor to the *Greater Columbus Blue Chip Economic Forecast*, a report of the Columbus economy sponsored by the Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce.

Prior to joining Huntington, Mokrzan was senior economist for the World Service of WEFA Inc., an economic-forecasting firm formed by Chase Econometrics and Wharton Econometrics. His primary focus was the economies of Australia and New Zealand. He has also taught economics at the undergraduate level in the SUNY System.

Mokrzan earned his doctorate in macroeconomics, international economics and econometrics from Duke University in 1990. His dissertation, titled "Unobservable Aggregate Shocks and the Test of the Sectoral Employment Demand Dispersion Hypothesis," involved an econometric study of employment, unemployment and business cycles in the U.S. He earned a master's degree in economics from Duke University and a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Rochester.

Mokrzan makes his home in Hilliard, Ohio with wife, Elaine, and their two children.