



**Sharon Bender**  
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Sharon pursued a degree in banking after being graduated from the Rutgers MBA program. She joined Sterling National Bank in the Corporate Finance Group, where she was reunited with her former colleagues and returned to the hybrid product asset based lending with a cash flow component. Sterling is unique because the mandate is that they do asset based loans but can also accommodate when a stretch is needed. Sharon is on the board of the New Jersey TMA and is active on several committees. The committee closest to her heart is the Diversity Committee. Since Sharon is well – networked, she is able to work with a variety of debt funds, private equity groups and of course, the entrepreneur in the direct deal. Although her calling territory is New York (Office in Manhattan) and New Jersey (Office in Paramus), she can follow the transaction of a referral source anywhere in the country.