

# COCC's Richard Leone Named a Top 3 Financial Technology CEO of 2025 by The Financial Technology Report

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**SOUTHINGTON, Conn. (January 21, 2026)** – The Financial Technology Report has ranked Richard Leone, Chairman, President, and Chief Executive Officer of COCC, among the Top Financial Technology CEOs of 2025. Placing at #3, the prestigious annual list recognized visionary leaders from organizations with national and international reach who are shaping the future of the fintech industry.

The Top Financial Technology CEOs of 2025 list recognizes leaders whose organizations have advanced financial technology across payments, investing, lending, and core infrastructure, underscoring the critical role executive leadership plays in shaping the broader financial services ecosystem.

This year's recognition highlights CEOs who have translated innovation into practical outcomes, strengthening operational performance and guiding financial institutions through accelerated change. Leone's placement reflects a leadership approach grounded in disciplined modernization and long-term stability, delivering technology that helps banks and credit unions adapt while maintaining strong community connections.

Under Leone's leadership, COCC continues to advance its core banking technology with a focus on stability, modernization, and long-term partnership. By aligning innovation with the real operational needs of community banks and credit unions, COCC continues to help institutions streamline operations, adapt to change, and better serve the communities they support.

"Being recognized as one of the top fintech CEOs of 2025 reflects not just individual achievement, but the collective passion and expertise of the COCC team," said Richard Leone. "This honor underscores our commitment to delivering innovative, client-driven technology solutions that help financial institutions thrive in a rapidly evolving industry."

Leone's leadership extends beyond COCC. He serves as an associate professor of finance within a leading state university while participating on several industry boards. Through these roles, he contributes to the broader advancement of financial services, shaping dialogue around fintech strategy, education, and the evolving role of community-based financial institutions.

## About COCC

*Recognized in the 2024 ABA Core Platforms Survey, COCC continues to set the pace for core banking innovation and partnership. Learn more in the full [ABA report](#).*

COCC, a recognized leader in delivering innovative comprehensive technology and partnerships, offers feature-rich, modern standards-based core and digital banking solutions, combining intuitive user experiences and APIs to streamline

advanced fintech integrations. COCC clients leverage a complete suite of modern financial technology solutions. COCC has been client-owned for over 50 years, acting as a partner to clients with an unmatched focus on service to help community banks and credit unions meet their unique and ever-changing needs. To learn more, visit [cocc.com](http://cocc.com).