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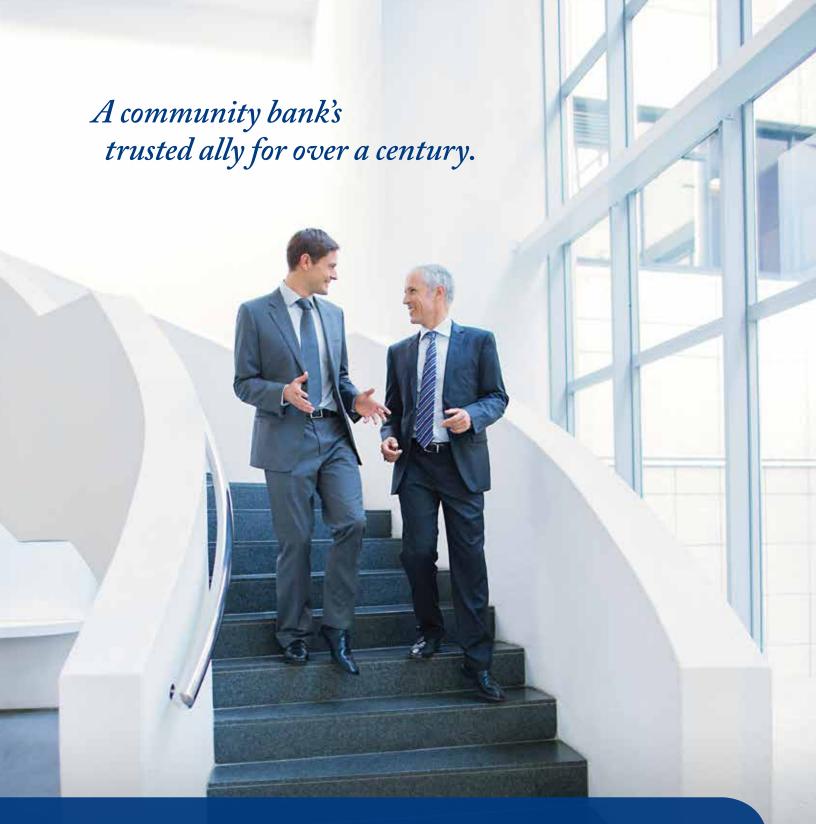
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## The more we change, the more we stay the same

Changes in staff, leadership, and legislation keep TBA on a path of success.



COLIN BARRETT President/CEO, Tennessee Bankers Association

## THREE THINGS TO DO

Congratulate members of our TBA team on their recent promotions! For more information, see page 11.

**2.**Mark your calendar for the 129th *Annual Meeting* that will be held June 16-18, 2019 at The Ritz-Carlton Orlando, Grande Lakes, Orlando,

Make plans to join us for our upcoming TBA Membership Meetings taking place throughout the state from August 21-30. Register by visiting TNBankers.org.

If I were to identify a theme for the past TBA year, "change" would certainly be at the top of the list. Although we saw retirements of several senior officers in education and government relations, these departments remain on a path for continued success. In fact, I am very excited about the new ideas and initiatives coming out of these departments as they continue to evolve to meet the needs of tomorrow.

Last month we celebrated the success of our industry and Association at the 128th *Annual Meeting* at The Broadmoor in Colorado Springs. A key factor in our accomplishments this past year was TBA Chairman Lee Moss. Lee's track record of community engagement and nonprofit service was invaluable to me and our team. I believe God places people in our lives at certain times, and Lee is the perfect example. I've appreciated Lee's knowledge and experience as we worked to build an Association that will continue to serve our industry.

Another key takeaway from this year is the power of our Association when our staff and bankers work hand-in-hand to tackle issues important to our industry. From the Capitols in Nashville and Washington, the power of a united industry could not have been more evident.

#### **NASHVILLE**

For the first time in three decades, TBA had a new chief lobbyist and general counsel, Amy Heaslet, representing the industry in Nashville. Under the steady hand of Amy and EVP Stacey Langford, TBA had one of our most successful legislative sessions in recent memory. Thanks

to the leadership of Security Bank's Barry McIntosh and outreach by bankers across the state to their legislators our team passed legislation that will allow Tennessee banks to pledge outof-state bonds as collateral for public deposits. This is truly a "win-win" for our industry and the public depositors they serve.

Behind the scenes at the Capitol, Amy and Stacey were also able to stop multiple pieces of legislation that would have had a negative effect on our industry, including attempts to restrict liens and implement bank fees. There is nothing more important for an industry than strong representation at the State Capitol, and rest assured that you are represented by the very best.

#### WASHINGTON, D.C.

The focus for much of the past year has been on Senate bill 2155, which was signed into law by the President just before Memorial Day. This legislation would not have been possible without Tennessee bankers advocating for its passage and our Tennessee Congressional delegation that voted 8-2-1 in favor of the bill. Special recognition goes to U.S. Rep. David Kustoff, who worked closely with and conveyed the beneficial aspects of this legislation for Tennessee banks to House Financial Services Chairman Jeb Hensarling. And a huge "thank you" goes to TBA Government Relations Chairman Jim Rieniets who made seven trips to D.C. over the past year working on this legislation. His commitment is demonstrative of what we can accomplish when we work together as an industry. For more information on the impact of S. 2155, please see Amy's column on page 18.

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#### **EDUCATION**

No area of the Association has evolved more than our education department this past year. With the retirements of Susan Taylor and Debbie Brickles, we have new leaders of our education initiatives with Monique Jenkins and Sheena Frech. I have the utmost confidence in and respect for Monique and Sheena, and I know they will do an excellent job in leading our best in class training and development. Additionally, Stacey Langford will now be overseeing education as well as communications, which will allow the TBA to better coordinate our education and communications efforts.

This past year has continued record participation in TBA education, but we are not resting on past success. We are currently looking at ways to improve our schools, having recently brought Ronnie Boling on board as our Director of Schools to take a look at our curriculum and delivery methods. I look forward to welcoming him, the Independent Board, and trustees of our schools for a comprehensive meeting in August to make sure the schools are meeting the needs of our banks in the most relevant and efficient manner.

Combining our banker engagement, talented team, and the strongest financial year we have had in a decade, we are well positioned to serve our industry well into the future.

And if there is ever anything I can do for you, please let me know.





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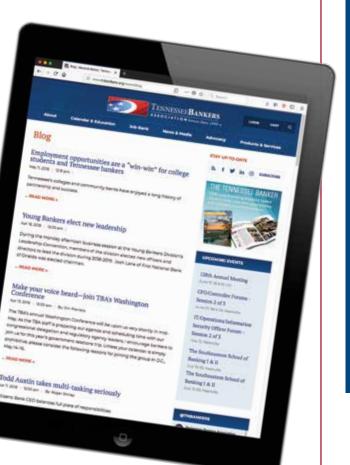
#### /tnbankers, June 6

TBA's T'Lanie Luu, who is always working to improve the financial literacy of Tennessee's youth, is taking part in the 14th annual Tennessee Jump\$tart Personal Financial Educator Conference! The conference provides educators with state and national personal finance credentialing opportunities as well as delivers ongoing professional development for personal finance educators in education, nonprofit, and industry.



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### TBA WEBINARS

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#### Understanding Tax Reform: Community Bank Taxation in 2018 & Beyond July 23

The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act signed by President Trump in December 2017 creates the most significant changes to the corporate tax landscape since the 1980s. Community bankers need to carefully consider how tax reform impacts their organization and its share-holders. This session will include topics related to both C corporation and S corporation institutions and will cover tax rate changes, the Section 199A deduction, and shareholder considerations, among other topics. Attend this webinar to learn the key topics community banks need to consider regarding tax reform.

### ACH Rules & Responsibilities for RDFIs July 31

This webinar provides a detailed overview of your obligations, rights, and responsibilities as a Receiving Depository Financial Institution (RDFI) in the Automated Clearing House (ACH) payment process. Join us to learn about the National Automated Clearing House Association (NACHA) operating procedures for your financial institution as you receive and process ACH transactions. If you are new to ACH operations, serve as backup, or just want to know more about ACH processing, this course will give you the basic information you need in a fun, easy-to-follow format.

### **TBA Announces Staff Promotions**

The Tennessee Bankers Association, much like the industry we represent, continues to evolve on a daily basis. The Association is blessed to have a dynamic team that supports Tennessee's banks as they perform their critical role in energizing the economy and helping communities thrive.

As a result, TBA has promoted Sheena Frech to director of education; Amy Heaslet to executive vice president and general counsel; Monique Jenkins to director of education; Stacey Langford to executive vice president and chief membership officer; Tyler Nelson to vice president of communications; Penny Powlas to vice president of administration; and Matt Radford to vice president of creative services.

Thank you for your continued support of the TBA, and please join us in congratulating these team members.







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## TBA Washington Conference

Nearly 100 bankers, TBA staff, and associate members travel to D.C.



Executive Vice President/ General Counsel. Tennessee Bankers **Association** 

TBA's annual Washington Conference was attended by a record number—nearly 100-bankers, associate members, and **staff.** The conference, held May 14-16 and led by TBA Government Relations Committee Chairman Jim Rieniets, President/CEO, Ins-Bank, Nashville, included meetings with FDIC Chairman Martin Gruenberg, and senior staff from the OCC, CFPB, Treasury, and FinCEN. Also on the agenda were briefings from the ICBA, ABA and CSBS; visits with Tennessee's Senators and Representatives; and a roundtable discussion with TDFI Commissioner Greg Gonzales.

The conference could not have occurred at a better time—just one week before the House took up the Senate's regulatory relief bill (S. 2155). Discussion of the importance of S. 2155 for banks dominated the discussions with Tennessee's Congressional delegation. Bankers urged support for what is viewed as the first meaningful reform to address the overly burdensome, unnecessary regulations set in place by the Dodd-Frank Act nearly eight years ago. Among their chief talking points, bankers advocated for S. 2155's treatment of all loans held in portfolio as qualified mortgages; instituting longer exam cycles for community banks; and an exemption for reciprocal deposits from the FDIC restrictions on brokered deposits.

During an address to the full group, Tennessee U.S. Rep. David Kustoff (R-TN 8th Dis-

trict) was optimistic that a full House vote on the legislation would come very soon. He was right. Just eight days after Tennessee bankers left Washington, the House passed S. 2155 by vote of 258-159, with the majority of our Congressmen supporting it. For more details on S.2155 and its impact on the banking industry, see page 18.

Although S. 2155 was a central issue during our time in Washington, much time was also spent advocating for modernizing CRA and BSA/AML, enacting cybersecurity standards across all business sectors, and leveling the playing field with credit unions. These topics as well as a few others garnered significant attention during our visits with the regulatory agencies and national trade associations.

#### **FDIC**

FDIC Chairman Martin Gruenberg, during a lunch briefing with the group, discussed the state of the banking industry, noting that he sees gradual, consistent improvement for community banks with increased loan growth and net income. This is consistent with the overall recovery from the financial crisis, which is now in its ninth year and is the second longest recovery on record.

From an examination perspective, Gruenberg said the agency is focused on four key areas: interest rate risk; credit risk; liquidity risk; and cybersecurity risk. He encouraged bankers to remain focused on these areas so

they can continue lending and remain strong during the next economic downturn and emphasized that community banks are not replaceable and are vital to the nation's economic well-being.

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Senior staff of the OCC led the meeting with bankers and began by discussing their efforts on CRA modernization. As news reports have recently indicated, OCC staff confirmed this is one of the agency's top priorities, which was welcome news for bankers.

The impetus behind this is simple—CRA was enacted over 30 years ago and has not undergone any substantive revisions since that time. In fact, the last time it was amended was 1995—when only 10 percent of people used the internet for any purpose. As it stands today, CRA is simply not set up to deal with the range of business models that banks serve.

OCC staff made it clear that their objective in modernizing this outdated, costly to comply with regulation is for banks to no longer spend more time trying to appease examiners than making sure their capital gets to the right place and supports the communities they serve. Essentially, they would like to see a focus on performance and impact—not just compliance.

Bankers can expect to see movement on this issue relatively soon, as this was cited as one of the big regulatory issues for 2018 and 2019 by the ABA. The OCC concurred, stating they expect to put out an advance notice of proposed rulemaking in the near future. Issues they expect to address include what is covered; what qualifies; and how compliance is measured and what goes into ratings.

#### **CFPB**

Our visit with CFPB staff proved that the saying is true—it matters who governs. The difference in their agendas between our visit in 2017 and this year is remarkable, to say the least. Acting Director Mick Mulvaney has made it clear that the agency will no longer "push the envelope" when it comes to governing and instead will follow what the law says they can do, but go no further.

Now that President Trump has nominated Kathy Kraninger, an associate director of the Office of Management and Budget, as the next CFPB Director, acting director Mulvaney will remain in that position until she is confirmed.

In the meantime, the agency staff has seemingly put on hold any actions on new rules and announced to the bankers during our meeting that the small business data collec-





ABOVE: TBA Chairman Lee Moss, FDIC Chairman Martin Gruenberg, TBA Government Relations Committee Chairman Jim Rieniets, and TDFI Commissioner Greg Gonzales

LEFT: Toney Bland from the OCC and Southern Heritage Bank's Lee Stewart talk after the OCC panel addressed the group.

**BELOW:** CFPB's Dan Smith explained the Bureau will hold off on new rules until a director is in place.





Members of the group met with 8th district Rep. David Kustoff.



Seventh District Rep. Marsha Blackburn met with Tennessee Bankers during the conference.

Attendees got a chance to hear from 6th district Rep. Diane Black.



tion rules will remain current and active until March 2019 but will not go into effect until at least then. Many in the room inferred from their comments that the agency has heard and taken into consideration bankers' concerns with this rule and how imposing fair lending standards on small business loans could be detrimental to both banks and borrowers.

#### FINCEN/TREASURY

Much like the OCC's desire to modernize CRA, Treasury and FinCEN staff have similar interests in updating outdated BSA/AML regulations. Bankers continue to identify BSA/ AML compliance as one of the most costly and burdensome regulations. The basic compliance structure has not changed since 1970, yet banking, law enforcement, and technology have undergone significant transformations.

A specific issue raised by bankers during these visits was the number of SARs required to be reported, yet filers have received no responses or feedback on whether their information had any meaningful impact on stopping criminal activity. Unfortunately, FinCEN cited the confidentially of their investigations and inability to provide specific data on arrests or criminal actions taken as a result of SARs being filed.

Another concern for bankers is the threshold for filing Currency Transaction Reports, which has never been raised from \$10,000. If adjusted using the Consumer Price Index, the threshold would be just over \$60,000. Bankers realize this is an unlikely change but would like to see it increased to at least \$20,000 or \$30,000.

Overall, both FinCEN and Treasury staff were receptive to bankers and assured them them their goals are to prioritize resources, diminish burdens on banks given technological advances, and always keep in mind "is there a better way to achieve their regulatory goals?"

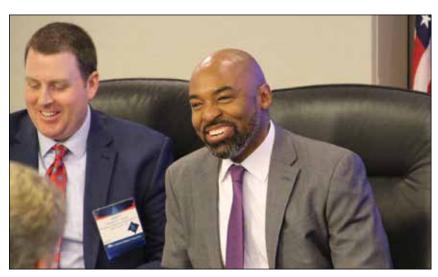
#### **CONCLUSION**

The Washington Conference is always a highlight of my TBA year, and I hope it continues to serve as an informative and beneficial opportunity for our members. Your engagement and advocacy have played a key role in achieving positive results for the industry. This can be seen with the passage of S. 2155 and more receptive overall atmosphere at the federal banking agencies. This will bode well for our industry in the coming years, and I expect more positive results to come.





Senators Lamar Alexander and Bob Corker made time to meet with members of the group.



James Ballentine and other members of ABA's staff discussed the national association's current efforts in Washongton.

#### **THANK YOU TO THE PARTICIPATING AGENCIES, ASSOCIATIONS, AND SPONSORS**

TBA would like to thank our sponsors, the various agencies and associations and their staff who met with the bankers and made the trip productive and informative. These include the ABA, CSBS, FinCen, CFPB, FDIC, OCC, Commissioner Greg Gonzales, and Tennessee's senators and representatives.

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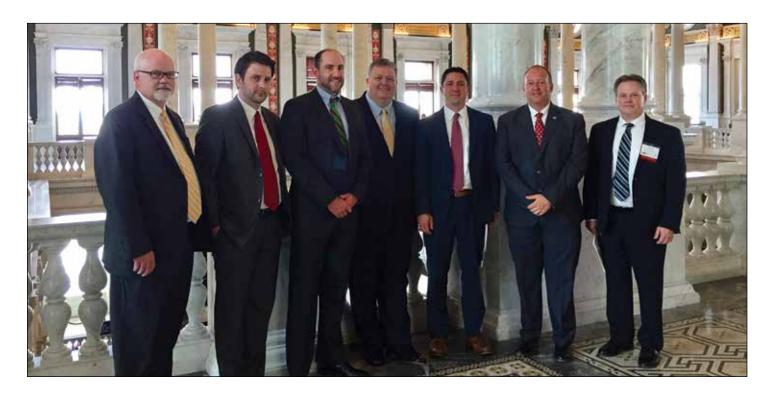






































## S. 2155 signing brings regulatory relief to banks



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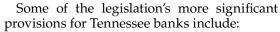
President Trump holds a press conference after signing S. 2155, the Economic Growth, Regulatory Relief and Consumer Protection Act. Tenn. Rep. David Kustoff supported the legislation and is pictured on the far right.

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When President Trump signed S. 2155 the Economic Growth, Regulatory Relief and Consumer Protection Act—into law on May 24, 2018, it marked an effort that was nearly eight years in the making. S. 2155 is the most significant piece of regulatory reform legislation for financial institutions since passage of the Dodd-Frank Act in July 2010.

In the years following until now, bankers have advocated for targeted relief from some of the more onerous provisions of Dodd-Frank that made it more difficult to lend to consumers. And Senators and House members on both sides of the aisle had been working on how to provide appropriate relief that would not jeopardize the safety and soundness of the financial system.

S. 2155 achieves just that—it rightsizes burdensome regulations for Tennessee banks, which will allow them to focus more on lending and, in turn, help support the small businesses and customers they serve in their communities. Rather than spending time on compliance, banks can now focus on what they do bestapproving mortgages, providing credit, and lending to small businesses and families.



- Designating all mortgages held in portfolio as Qualified Mortgages for banks with less than \$10 billion in assets
- Providing relief from appraisal requirements in rural areas, where appraisers are
- Protecting the original information that HMDA was designed to collect, while providing a path for relief from new requirements for lenders that originate 500 or fewer mortgages
- Providing an exception to TILA escrow requirements for banks with less then \$10 billion in assets that have originated 1,000 or fewer loans secured by a first lien on a principal dwelling during the preceding calendar year
- Making sure consumers do not have to wait for a lower rate by removing the three-day waiting period requirement in TILA/RESPA mortgage disclosures for second offer of credit
- Simplifying capital calculations for banks with less than \$10 billion in assets
- Helping smaller banks raise stable funding by providing an exception for reciprocal deposits from FDIC restrictions on acceptance of brokered deposits
- Exempting banks with less than \$10 billion in assets from Volcker Rule requirements
- Raising eligibility for short-form Call Reports from banks up to \$1 billion in assets to banks with \$5 billion in assets
- Raising eligibility for the 18-month exam cycle from banks up to \$1 billion in assets to banks with \$3 billion in assets

Make no mistake—S. 2155 is not the end of the industry's efforts to alleviate the unnecessary burdens on Tennessee banks. This marks the first step in our efforts to engage with bankers and lawmakers to continue making meaningful reforms that will enable banks to better serve their customers without imposing any additional risks to their safety and soundness. 🛂



## Federal Reserve Study: The smallest Tenn. banks pay more for regulatory compliance



Assistant Vice President, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis

The smallest community banks in Tennessee may be dedicating an equivalent of 19 percent of their workforce to comply with regulations that govern how they operate.

The dollar amount of this expenditure would be \$241,000 for a typical bank with less than \$100 million in assets. For all 149 community banks currently headquartered in the state, the collective cost would exceed \$100 million annually. A community bank is defined as having less than \$10 billion in total assets.

The cost estimates were calculated by researchers at the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis (Fed) using the responses of more than 500 community bankers to a national survey conducted by the Conference of State Bank Supervisors (CSBS) in 2015, 2016, and 2017. The Tennessee Department of Financial Institutions (TDFI) is a member of CSBS and administered the survey statewide.

> of the estimation procedure extends from a question on the survey concerning the percentage of bank operating expenses attributable to compliance activities. This nationally-determined percentage was applied to operating expenses at community banks in Tennessee to estimate statewide dollar costs of compliance. The number of full-time equivalent employees devoted to compliance was estimated by applying the same percentage to statewide data on bank personnel expenses.

A key component

The CSBS survey serves as the basis for a recently-released report by the Fed on economies of scale in satisfying regulatory obligations. From this perspective, estimated compliance costs at community banks with between \$1 billion and \$10 billion in assets would represent the equivalent of nine percent of a bank's workforce-about half the previously mentioned 19 percent incurred by those with under \$100 million in assets.

"I want to commend the St. Louis Fed for compiling important evidence to support what many of us in Tennessee have believed for some time. That compliance costs hit the smallest community banks the hardest," said Greg Gonzales, Commissioner of the TDFI.

"This is one of the reasons that our Department has pushed a balanced regulatory approach to tailor regulation to the risk profile of each bank and avoid one-size-fits-all regulation. Because our small community banks are critical to rural Tennessee communities in particular, the Department's Regulatory Balance mission is one of our contributions to Governor Haslam's Rural Economic Development initiative. We are grateful for the partnership we have with all of our federal partners, such as the St. Louis Fed, that supports this balanced approach and I thank them again for this important study on community banks."

Community bankers voiced similar concerns about regulatory costs in interviews conducted by the TDFI to supplement the national survey results. They said costs were highest for the Bank Secrecy Act, overdraft rules and mortgage rules enacted under the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010.

The CSBS survey, associated interviews with Tennessee bankers, and the Fed report on compliance costs are all available at www. communitybanking.org.



TDFI administered the survey, and the St. Louis Fed compiled the results. TDFI Commissioner Gonzales praised the study.



### JOHN MUSE INSTALLED AS 2018-2019 TBA CHAIRMAN

More than 640 bankers, associate members and guests traveled to the majestic Broadmoor in Colorado Springs, Colo., for TBA's 128th Annual Meeting.

This year's event tackled the ever-evolving trends, strategies, and innovations that are taking place in the banking industry. The two general sessions, presided over by TBA

Chairman Lee Moss, featured industry leaders and business experts offering their views on the current state of the economy, political landscape, and banking environment.

The Monday, June 18, business session included an address by Bruce Bittles on the economy and A.B. Stoddard on politics. The business session on Tuesday, June 19, featured TDFI Commissioner Greg Gonzales, a panel discussion with ABA and ICBA leadership, and retired Lt. Col. Robert J. Darling who shared captivating insights from the president's bunker during 9/11.

Annual Meeting also featured the opportunity for attendees to customize their own experience with six industry insight sessions. These included talks from ABA's Rob Morgan on fintech opportunities for banks and Dr. Sean Payant of Haberfeld Associates about using unconventional wisdom to grow core deposits. Other sessions focused on updates for directors, cyber security, growing customer relationships, and TN rural development.

The meeting featured plenty of events allowing guests to network with new professional acquaintances and catch up with old friends, while enjoying all that Colorado Springs has to offer.

Activities included exploring the foothills above Colorado Springs by Jeep, a zipline adventure around the famed Seven Falls, the TBA golf tournament, and a dessert party showcasing views from Cheyenne Mountain and up-close encounters with local wildlife.



Newly elected Chairman John Muse accepts the gavel from past Chairman Lee Moss.

John Muse, chairman, president and **CEO of Farmers State Bank in Mountain** City, was installed as chairman of the **Tennessee Bankers Association during** ceremonies at the closing banquet on **Tuesday, June 19.** Muse accepted the chairman's gavel from Lee Moss, president of Franklin Synergy Bank, Murfreesboro/ Franklin. Moss will remain a member of the Association's board of directors for the next three years to help ensure continuity of

Delegates from TBA-member institutions elect new executive officers each year during the annual convention, with members receiving one vote per charter.

Executive officers elected for 2018–2019 are: Chairman—John Muse, chairman, president and CEO, Farmers State Bank, Mountain

Chairman-elect—R. Molitor Ford, Jr., vice chairman and CEO, Commercial Bank & Trust Co., Memphis

Vice Chairman—Chris Holmes, president and CEO, FirstBank, Nashville



In addition to the executive officers, TBA members elected one new director from each of the three grand divisions of the state. Directors serve three-year terms on the TBA board. New directors are:

East Tennessee—David Reynolds, CEO, President and Director, Peoples Bank of the South, LaFollette

Middle Tennessee—Ted H. Williams, President and CEO, TriStar Bank, Dickson

West Tennessee—Gene Henson, President, Memphis/North Mississippi Region, Trustmark National Bank, Memphis

With the election of the new directors, three directors rotated off of the board. Completing their terms of service were:

Michael Kramer, Chairman, Southeastern Trust Company, Chattanooga

**Betty Sue Hibdon**, President and CEO Emeritus, Citizens Bank, Hartsville

D. Bryan Jordan, President and CEO, First Tennessee Bank, Memphis

Continuing their terms on the board are: George Shirley, Chairman, President and CEO, Citizens Bank and Trust Company of Grainger County, Rutledge

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board are always available for members to share questions, thoughts, or suggestions concerning the TBA and the banking industry. Visit www.TNBankers.org/about/board-of-directors for a complete list of TBA leadership.

**TOP:** The 2018-2019 TBA Board Officers: Vice Chairman Chris Holmes, Chairman-elect Mott Ford, Chairman John Muse, Past Chairman Lee Moss, and TBA President/CEO Colin Barrett.

**ABOVE:** The new TBA directors are Gene Henson for West Tennessee and David Reynolds for East Tennessee. Not pictured is Middle Tennessee Director Ted Williams.



### **NEWLY ELECTED VICE CHAIRMAN** AND DIRECTORS OF THE TBA



**CHRIS HOLMES** TBA Vice Chairman

President & CEO. FirstBank. Nashville

After joining FirstBank in 2010 as chief banking officer, Chris Holmes was named president in 2012 and CEO in 2013. In 2016, Holmes led FirstBank's transition from a privately held, single shareholder bank to a publicly traded company listed on the New York Stock Exchange, along with the acquisitions of Northwest Georgia Bank (2015), Clayton Bank and Trust (2017), and American City Bank (2017), which expanded the bank's footprint across Tennessee. Holmes' career has included work in 14 countries, and prior to joining First-Bank he served as the Director of Corporate Financial Services and the chief retail banking officer for Greenville, S.C.-based South Financial Group. Originally from Lexington, Tenn., he lives in Nashville with his wife, Susan, and three daughters, Hayley, Hannah, and Hope.



You are only as good as the people you have around you. I have been very fortunate over the course of my career to have worked with some of the best and brightest people in this business. It's been key to our success here at FirstBank, and I remember that every day.

#### If someone were new to TBA, which event would you recommend as a must attend?

When you are new to the TBA, membership meetings are a good way to meet other bankers and learn about the TBA's activities and mission. To really go all-in on your involvement, the *Annual Meeting* is a great way to learn more and spend quality time with your peers.



**DAVID REYNOLDS** East Tennessee Director

CEO. President and Director, Peoples Bank of the South, LaFollette

David Reynolds began his banking career in 1978 at Peoples Bank of the South in LaFollette. From 1985 to 1988, Reynolds was employed by First Tennessee Bank and Prudential Bache selling securities to community banks. He returned to Peoples Bank of the South in 1988 and was elected to the board. Reynolds has held various positions over the years and currently serves as president and CEO. He also served as president of the TBA Young Bankers Division from 1997 to 1998. His grandfather helped establish the bank in 1917. As a third-generation banker, Reynolds has had the privilege to spend his career working alongside his father, John T. Reynolds, the current chairman. He is married to Dee Anne Collins Reynolds, and they have two daughters, Campbell and Camille.

#### What banking or career advice have you received that has stuck with you throughout your career?

Smile, look people in the eye, and treat them the way you would like to be treated yourself.

#### If someone were new to TBA, which event would you recommend as a must attend?

The must attend event is the annual Credit Conference; however, I recommend attending as many events as possible because the networking opportunities are invaluable.

Ted H. Williams was hired in 1987 as a loan officer trainee for a \$70 million community bank in his town of Dickson.

He worked in the organization for almost 12 years, while the bank doubled in size, and Williams eventually became EVP and COO. Williams left to become the first banker hired and to serve as president of TriStar Bank as they organized to open for business on January 1, 2000. Since then, the bank has grown from being a new bank with \$7.5 million in capital to a \$285 million bank in total assets with five offices in three counties. He has been married 32 years with three grown boys and lives on his family's farm in Dickson.

#### What banking or career advice have you received that has stuck with you throughout your career?

Banking is thought of as a financial services business, but it is not, community banking is a people business.

#### If someone were new to TBA, which event would you recommend as a must attend?

The Young Bankers' Day on the Hill is a must attend event.



**TED H. WILLIAMS** Middle Tennessee Director

President and CEO, TriStar Bank, Dickson

Gene Henson serves as the president of the Memphis and North Mississippi Region for Trustmark National Bank, a \$14 billion asset financial institution operating in five states and headquartered in **Jackson, Miss.** Henson brings to Trustmark 42 years in financial industry experience, including 27 years he's spent with Trustmark. Henson has also spent much of his career engaged with the American Bankers Association, Tennessee Bankers Association, and business and economic development organizations in the greater Memphis area. He is a graduate of The University of Mississippi and the Graduate School of Banking at LSU.

#### What banking or career advice have you received that has stuck with you throughout your career?

Early in my professional career, my boss and mentor provided me with some sound and simple advice: always reach above and beyond that which is expected; remain actively engaged in the community; and always take care of your customers. This advice has served me well for many years, and I have shared this with others on many occasions.

#### If someone were new to TBA, which event would you recommend as a must attend?

If I chose one TBA event to encourage a TBA member to attend, it would be the TBA Government Relations Committee Washington Conference in May each year. This conference provides an opportunity to strengthen relationships with other Tennessee bankers while making a positive impact on our industry through legislative contacts.



**GENE HENSON** West Tennessee Director

President, Memphis/ North Mississippi Region, Trustmark National Bank, Memphis



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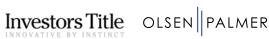
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## ANNUAL MEETING

### EXHIBIT HALL

For those who joined TBA at The Broadmoor in Colorado Springs, Colo., the exhibit hall was on the to-do list. With 47 exhibitors participating, guests explored products and services that could benefit their bank and registered for an array of prizes. The \$1,000 Grand Prize Drawing, sponsored by First National Banker's Bank and FNBB Capital Markets, went to Daniel Cullop of Farmers State Bank.

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One reason The Broadmoor in Colorado Springs, Colo., is such a popular convention site for TBA members is the resort's beautiful and challenging West Course, site of the Monday, June 18 afternoon **golf tournament.** Sponsored by Pathway Lending, the four-person scramble tournament featured prizes for the first- and second-place team in three flights plus three skill-shot prizes. Congratulations to the winners.

#### FIRST FLIGHT

**1ST PLACE: SCORE 130** 

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2ND PLACE: SCORE 134

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**3RD PLACE: SCORE 137** 

Doug DeBusk **Brandon Hull** Mike Thomasson Jim Vaughn

#### SECOND FLIGHT

**1ST PLACE: 152** 

**David Bagley** Luke Buckley Bill Marsh **Eddie Wiles** 

**2ND PLACE: 154** 

**Donnie Hibdon** Ken Hodge **Ronny Roberts** Marta Roberts

**3RD PLACE: SCORE 156** 

**Tommy Duncan** Zach Harris **Chad Hill Matt Neilson** 

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STRAIGHTEST DRIVE #14 **Rob Buchanan** 



























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**MIDDLE:** Retired CM Sgt. Marcie Hureau opened the convention by singing "America the Beautiful," a song inspired by nearby Pike's Peak.

























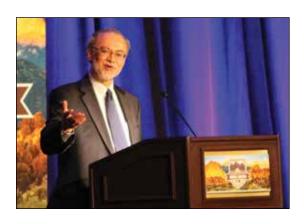
























Tuesday's Business session included an address by TDFI Commissioner Gonzales (far left), a panel discussion with ICBA's Preston Kennedy and ABA's George Hermann moderated by InsBank's Jim Rieniets (left), and an interesting behind the scenes perspecive of the 9/11 tragedy from Retired Lt. Col. U.S. Marine Corps. Rob Darling (above).

















































# There's no place like John Muse is looking forward to visiting with other bankers across the state during his term as chairman of the Tennessee Bankers Association, but he will always be glad to get back home—a place he has lived his entire life except for a six-month adventure in Japan after he graduated from high school. STORY BY ROGER SHIRLEY PHOTOS BY DAVID GRACE



Home is Mountain City, located in an idyllic setting for a small town surrounded by the scenic mountains of Upper East Tennessee, Southwest Virginia, and Western North Carolina. With a population of about 2,500, it ranks as the 9,950th largest city in America.

For Muse, who says he can throw a rock from his office at Farmers State Bank at the corner of Main and Church Street to where he was born 64 years ago at Dr. Glenn's clinic, it is the perfect place to grow up, raise a family, enjoy the beauty of the great outdoors and, most of all, to be a community banker.

In a town the size of Mountain City, where most families have known each other for generations, being a community banker takes on a special meaning, from lending to small businesses to helping an elderly woman have enough money to keep the heat on in the winter time.

And he is optimistic that regulatory relief from Washington will make it easier for small banks to play their traditional roles in the community.

"Some of the regulations imposed on us after 2009 and 2010 in response to the crisis limited our ability to take care of folks, and it really tied our hands, to some degree, and kept us from doing some of things we have done historically to help our community," Muse said.

"We are getting some relief, like the modified appraisal requirements for smaller loans, but concerns remain—especially for small banks our size—so it is important that bankers across the state continue to be active and supportive of the TBA's government relations program. The Association has done an outstanding job over the years, and as chairman I want to do what I can to help."

#### **JAPANESE 'BROTHERS'**

Muse is a third-generation banker at Farmers State Bank, which was chartered in 1902 as Merchants and Traders Bank—six years before its competitor Bank of Mountain City was formed. The two banks merged in 1934, forming Farmers State Bank in an attempt to fight for survival during the Great Depression. Their efforts succeeded.

Muse's grandfather, Roby J. Howard, was a teacher at a one-room school in town when he joined Merchants and Traders in 1918 as the cashier. After the merger during the height of the depression, he and other leaders at the new bank went door-to-door encouraging people to leave their deposits in the bank and stick with them.

Howard later hired his future son-in-law, John Henry "Jack" Muse to work at the bank in 1941, and the 17-year-old began a long career at Farmers State Bank doing whatever needed to be done, learning the ropes, and eventually becoming chairman, president, and CEO.

For Jack Muse's five children—including John Muse, the oldest boy and middle child—the bank was a home away from home.

"I went to the bank from the time I was old enough to walk, running around the tellers' knees," Muse said. "It was just part of growing up, it was where my dad worked, and so it just seemed natural."

The elder Muse later became the local State Farm Insurance agent as a side occupation while continuing to work, and Muse's mother, Trula Muse, helped run the insurance office. As he became old enough, Muse began to work at the State Farm office during the summers and found that he loved the business.

It was while he was in high school that Muse's family invited two teenagers from Japan to move in with them. The brothers had moved to Mountain City from Yokohama. The older brother, who was about a year older than Muse, came first followed by his younger brother.

"The older brother, Kenny, came to Mountain City through a connection to one of their family's friends, who had made friends during World War II with someone who had connections here in Johnson County. So he ended up moving here because he wanted to come to America. His parents were wealthy, and he wanted to establish his independence. He and his brother, Joe, were renting in Mountain City, and they were spending a lot of time with our family. Finally, my mother said, 'Kenny, you and Joe should just get your things and move in with us,' and they did. They were just like brothers."

After graduating from high school, Muse began working some construction jobs while tak-



ing classes at East Tennessee State University. The next spring, the older Japanese son was planning on returning to Japan, and Muse decided to go with him.

"It was such a great experience," Muse said, adding that while his family took occasional vacation trips to the beach and a memorable three-week cross-country trip to California, it was his first time to travel abroad. "Their culture is so completely different from ours, and it was so eye-opening to experience different nationalities."

Muse and his Japanese brother caddied at a golf course in Japan-"I knew enough Japanese to tell golfers how many yards they had to the hole"—and he also worked as a laborer on a golf course the family was building in Yokohama.

Interestingly, years later, Muse had lost touch with the family until Kenny called one year and said his son wanted to come to Mountain City. The teenager came and lived with Muse and his wife, Kaye, and their two daughters, Hallie and Marilee, while he attended high school.



TOP: John's Japanese "brothers," Kenny and Joe, who stayed with the Muse family while John was in high school.

ABOVE: John's grandfather Roby J. Howard started as a cashier at the bank in 1918.

# More Muse

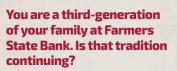
#### What will be your priorities as TBA chairman in the coming year?

I'm just going to be supportive where I can to help Colin continue moving the Association forward. The TBA has a long tradition of excellence. Brad (Barrett) did a fantastic job, and Colin and his staff have done a tremendous job in transitioning the TBA as the industry has evolved.

I do want to really encourage our bankers to continue to be involved in the government relations side of the TBA. We recently received some welcome regulatory relief, but we need to make sure we stay active and let our voices be heard. And I want to strongly encourage our bankers to take advantage of Commissioner Gonzales' position on the (Federal Financial Institution Examination Council) to help shape regulatory relief. He's very interested in hearing from bankers on specific examples of how regulations are affecting their ability to serve their communities. And he is very open to visiting banks to share his thoughts and get feedback.

#### How would you describe a perfect day away from the bank?

It could include a lot of different things: working outdoors at our home or in my woodworking shop, spending time with Kaye and our grandchildren, hiking, a day at the lake, and an occasional round of golf.





Elizabeth McElyea, who is an assistant vice president and investment officer, is my first cousin's daughter—her grandmother and my mother were sisters—and my son-in-law, Cliff Mahala, is a vice president and our security/compliance officer. But they are here because they are really good bankers and team members, not because they are family.

Speaking of family, you are succeeding your first cousin Lee Moss as TBA chairman. What everyone wants to know is how big a rivalry you are going to have with Lee to try one-upping him.

Well, I'm going to win if the competition is to see who can say what they need to say the most concisely and in the shortest period of time. But in all seriousness, Lee is a great guy. He used to visit in the summer when we were kids—he was the older cousin. As we got older we connected more, and we have become very close over the past several years. Kaye and I love Lee and his wife, Susan.



#### **THROWN IN DEEP END**

When he returned home to Tennessee from Japan, Muse worked part-time on a construction crew building houses while taking additional classes at ETSU, and he considered going into construction full time.

"But I ended up going back to the insurance office and working there," Muse said. At the same time, he began attending classes sponsored by the American Bankers Association and TBA, often times traveling with his father, who he says was the person who had the most impact on his life and his career.

Although he had a natural interest in banking through his lifelong exposure to Farmers State Bank, Muse followed his father's footsteps in another direction, becoming the State Farm agent for the county.

Muse loved the insurance business, and especially the interaction with his friends and neighbors; but he remained involved in Farmers State and became a director of the bank at age 25. When Jack Muse retired in 1997, Jim Vincill became president of the bank and Muse was named chairman.

At that time, Muse had the best of both worlds—being involved in the bank from the chairman's position while maintaining his work at the insurance agency, located just two doors down from the bank on Main Street.

Muse recalls that after his father retired, he would stop by his house almost daily on his way home to talk. Muse knew he was in the conversation as part of the succession plan for the bank, and Jack Muse often brought up the career decision he was going to make. "He would say, 'Son, you are going to have to decide what you are going to do (in terms of going to the bank full time)'—he knew the board was going to have to make a decision. But in the last two years of his life he started saying, 'you need to do what is best for you and Kaye,' and that meant a lot to me."

Jack Muse died in 2005, and later that year, Vincill shared that he was planning to retire. "So we had to make a decision. Kaye and I took a hike on the Appalachian Trail and sat down and talked about it. We prayed about the decision together, and we became comfortable with the decision to make the move."

Muse retired from State Farm on July 31, 2006, 25 years to the day that he became its insurance agent for the county, and became president and CEO of Farmers State Bank in addition to his chairman's position.

"I thought I was prepared," said Muse, who went through the TBA's Southeastern School of Banking at Vanderbilt, completed the Graduate School of Banking at LSU, and had attended numerous banking programs with his father dating back to his high school days. "But it was a big learning curve."

"I remember the day Jim (Vincill) was retiring, he came in and bounded up the steps with a big smile on his face, which was a bit out of character for him, and grabbed a cup of coffee, which he normally didn't do. I asked him, 'what's going on?' He said, 'I got a call from the FDIC today, they will be here in September!' So on his last day, he was really enjoying the fact that I was going to jump right into an exam as soon as he leaves."

Two years later, the economy started tanking and Muse's learning curve got more urgent. Or as he says, "It was one of the times that feels like being thrown into deep water with Class 4 rapids."

With the help of what Muse calls an extremely talented team of bankers, including his righthand man, Executive Vice President David Arnold, Farmers State Bank has shown steady growth in the years since, increasing its assets to \$143.2 million last year from \$116.8 in 2005.

#### **MOVING FORWARD**

Farmers State Bank, in many ways, is a microcosm of Mountain City itself. Most of the staff is homegrown, and Muse says there is a good mix of generations and levels of experience. Most have known each other for years, known each other's families, and gone to the same schools and churches.

"I have a young lady that was in school with my daughter that's here," Muse said. "We get a lot of referrals from the school system, and they will come here and work on a part-time basis. Some of them will stay with us, and some will go on to do other things, which I'm proud of. One went on to be an accountant in Atlanta, one is with us now who is in college and plans on becoming a teacher. It's a really good mix.

"When I came here as president and CEO, I felt what I needed to do was to prepare the bank for moving forward. And I think we are kind of stair-stepping those generations very well with our staffing."

Muse knows that attracting people who have roots in the community, who understand and love the area for the lifestyle it offers, help make Farmers State Bank what it is—an integral part of the town's fabric that residents have depended on for 116 years and counting.

"We have a lot of career folks who have stayed with us. We've grown and we've become more efficient through technology, and we work hard to offer the things that customers expect and need to be able to do business with us. We've gone through the years of transition by coming together and working hard together."

Muse sees his role now as continuing to nurture and cultivate the bank's staff, to make sure they are given the opportunities to learn different roles and take on new responsibilities, and to ensure that the bank has seamless transitions as those who are older move on.

But Muse isn't planning on moving on anytime soon; and he points out the bank has a tradition of leaders who work well beyond the traditional retirement age. "I.W. Nave, who was president of the bank when my grandfather started here, worked until he was 95. My grandfather worked until he was 85 and my father was 82 when he retired."

Still, for the first time in his life, he says, he's been thinking about retirement.

"I will eventually start slowing down in my day-to-day duties. And I look forward to having more time to enjoy other things in life, such as woodworking and our five grandchildren, who are very important parts of our lives. But for now I'm enjoying what I'm doing and what we are doing as a team." 🛂



**ABOVE:** John's father Jack Muse and mother

**BELOW:** John Muse with Farmers State Bank staff members

**BOTTOM:** A look at the formerly named Merchants and Traders Bank in the 1920s, John's grandfather Roby J. Howard is second from the left.









## **Data breaches:** A growing D&O concern



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#### A data breach can be a devastating event, affecting a company financially and damaging its reputation with customers.

But as a director or officer at your company, you face litigation risks based on the decisions you make following a breach and on how you influence cyber security policies, as these are often considered board-level issues.

If a suit is filed against you after a data breach occurs, based on your position as a board member, you will not be protected by your commercial general liability policy or your cyber liability policy. Your best source of protection is from your directors and officers (D&O) policy, as long as your policy is tailored to include protection after a data breach.

#### **Data Breach Threats**

The biggest threat from a data breach is loss of information, whether it is information regarding your company's finances or the personal identification information of your customers, such as Social Security numbers or credit card information. Losing sensitive information belonging to your customers or company can have a devastating effect on your reputation.

If the credit card information of your customers is stolen, your customers would need to cancel their cards and get new ones an inconvenient process and one that can damage your company's image in the eyes of customers.

#### **Data Breach Response**

Following a data breach, you may be legally required to notify certain people about it. For example, if your company is publicly traded, guidelines issued by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) say you must report cybersecurity incidents to stockholders. The cost of notification after a breach is generally covered by a cyber liability policy. And depending on the number of people you need to notify, the cost can be quite high.

The way a company responds to a data breach can lead to exposure and legal action beyond lawsuits from customers—the company could be subject to regulatory action from the Federal Trade Commission or the SEC.

#### Data Breaches and D&O Coverage

Insufficient cybersecurity that leaves your company vulnerable to a data breach can be seen by your customers or shareholders as negligence or a breach of duty. Your customers and shareholders may seek to hold you responsible for the damage; because of this, you need protection in the form of a D&O policy.

In past legal cases following a data breach, directors and officers have been accused of the following:

- Failing to take reasonable steps to protect customers' personal and financial informa-
- Failing to implement controls to detect and prevent a data breach
- Failing to report a breach in a timely manner

A cyber liability policy would not offer the legal protection needed by directors and officers after a data breach, whereas a D&O

A D&O policy provides coverage for a "wrongful act," such as an actual or alleged error, omission, misleading statement, act of neglect or breach of duty.

#### Cybersecurity Is Vital

A company's directors and officers are expected to be involved in and knowledgeable about the company's cybersecurity. It's rapidly becoming a vital aspect of responsible business management and customer service.

The following are some techniques to improve the cyber security of your company:

- Install a firewall: Companies with five or more computers should consider buying a network firewall to protect the network from being hacked.
- Install security software: Anti-virus, anti-malware and anti-spyware should be installed on every computer in the network. All software should be up to date.
- Encrypt data: All data, whether stored on a tablet, flash drive or laptop, should be encrypted.
- Use a virtual private network (VPN): A VPN allows employees to connect to the company's network remotely without the need of a remote-access server. VPNs use advanced encryption and authentication protocols, providing a high level of security for your network.
- Develop a data breach plan: Have a plan in place so when, not if, you experience a data breach, you can act quickly and minimize your loss.

#### In Conclusion

After a data breach, claims from shareholders and customers will most likely be made. Without D&O coverage, your personal assets are at stake and could be forfeited to cover legal costs. You can protect yourself with a D&O insurance policy. Talk to your insurer about this type of coverage and be sure your policy is tailored to cover any gaps.



Banks should have D&O coverage in place in the event of a data breach. Without it, your personal assets are at stake and could be forfeited to cover legal costs.

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A deferred compensation plan (DCP) can be used to help your bank recruit, retain and reward top and rising talent. A DCP is a nonqualified plan, so it may be fully customized for almost any situation you can think of to provide supplemental income to select officers of the bank. For example, many millennials are still repaying school loans while simultaneously starting families and beginning to think of the future, so what could your bank offer the young, talented employee that would provide incentive to remain employed with you? What could you offer the high achieving loan officer who has no children and does not expect to work past age 55? What about the seasoned executive who knows the business inside and out and would like to retire in the next 10 to 15 years?

While there are endless ways to design a DCP, we use five main strategies to help our clients attract, retain and reward key employees. Each strategy can be customized to fit the employee's situation.

#### 1. Ten/Two DCP

This is a way to provide a midterm supplemental incentive reward to a key employee. The setup is simple—at the end of the 10th plan year, the bank will provide supplemental income to the employee in years 11 and 12.

- The bank will create an accrual account for the employee in which the bank credits a monthly (or annual) amount equal to a percentage of salary, a set dollar amount, or some other amount at the discretion of the bank.
- Interest is credited to the account balance monthly, usually at an annual rate tied to the bank's return on equity or a financial index.
- At the end of 10 years, the account balance is distributed to the participant in equal monthly installments over two years.

This plan may be customized for a shorter deferral period and/or a longer payment period. In addition, this design could be used for a promising employee who is not yet part of the bank's senior management team, but is vital to the bank's success and deserves to be rewarded.

#### 2. Repayment of College Loans

Many millennials graduate from college with \$50,000 or more in student loans and expect to spend at least 10 years paying off those loans. Providing extra income through periodic DCP distributions to help retire the loans can help attract and retain talented young employees.

#### 3. Help with Children's Education

A DCP may be set up so that payments are made while the participant is still employed. As such, it could be structured so that payments are made in the years the participant's children are expected to be in college.

Suppose your 30-year-old officer has two children, ages five and three. You could set up a DCP so that in-service distributions are made in years 13 through 19, and, if the officer remains until retirement age, a traditional Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan (SERP) is also earned.

This could be provided with a contribution as low as \$6,000 per year for a 30-year-old employee. Actual amounts would vary depending on crediting rates, amounts credited and the timing of distributions, among other factors.

#### 4. Three/Six Plan

This plan design uses a rolling vesting schedule. Each award vests over three years, and payments commence after six years. This

plan design provides regular cash flow to the participant, but requires forfeiture of the unvested benefits if the participant terminates before retirement age.

### 5. Traditional Supplemental Retirement

Say a community bank is trying to attract a seasoned 55-year-old banker from a larger bank. The executive is at the age where retirement is becoming increasingly important. The community bank may not be able to match the salary being paid from the larger bank, but it could offer the executive a supplemental retirement income of \$50,000 per year for 15 years, a total retirement enhancement to his or her retirement income of \$750,000. This may be the difference maker in convincing this executive to make the move.

When designed with your situation and employee in mind, a DCP is a valuable tool that may be used to attract, retain and reward specific employees vital to your bank's success.

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Customized deferred compensation, such as college loan repayment or supplemental retirement income, can help attract and retain desirable employees over the competition.

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## Thirty-nine bankers graduate from The Southeastern School of Commercial Lending

In May, 39 banker students graduated from The Southeastern School of Commercial Lending (TSSCL). Established in 1984, the intensive, one-week school concentrates on all aspects of commercial lending. Students receive over 45 hours of classroom instruction, discussion, and case studies. The TBA conducts the annual school in cooperation with the Georgia, Louisiana, and Mississippi bankers associations. The 2018 graduating class included 27 students from Tennessee as well as bankers from Mississippi (8), Alabama (2), Louisiana (1), and Virginia (1).

#### **HONORS**

Four 2018 students graduated with honors, ranking in the top 10 percent of the class based on mid-term and final examination scores and faculty and board evaluations. These outstanding students were:

- Todd Brown, First Community Bank of East Tennessee, Kingsport
- Julie Marchman, Trustmark National Bank, Jackson, Miss.
- Chris Price, FirstBank, Knoxville
- Daniel Tanner, Home Federal Bank of Tennessee, Knoxville

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## Designing your renewal game plan



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Your core vendor relationship is the most critical vendor relationship in your **bank.** Your choices are limited in the market, and the grass is not always greener on the other side of a conversion. If you are within two years of your contract expiration, it is time to start thinking about when and how to approach your next round of renewal negotiations. Whether you run your core in-house or outsource it, you need a game plan. Let's take a look at six key objectives your bank should consider in putting together its next renewal game plan.

#### **Length of Term and Renewal Term**

We recommend that you start with a five-year term, which is just the right amount of leverage to gain savings but not get eaten alive with termination fees if you sell the bank mid-term. Start with three or five years and only increase the term when the timing is right. NEVER go out beyond seven years... ever. Shoot for one-year on your renewal term but accept no more than three-years.

#### **Co-Term Agreements**

To achieve this objective, you will need a vendor dashboard. Your dashboard should outline and identify each of your high-risk vendor relationships. Map your contract(s) to a spreadsheet describing the service, vendor name, nonauto renewal notification requirements, effective date, and end of the term of your agreement(s). Contact your account rep(s) and confirm you have the right information. Once complete, you have everything you need to understand how to co-term all of the associated vendor agreements. Your core contract should be the anchor point, and it can take years to complete a co-term initiative. Make the commitment and start today.

#### **Vendor Consolidation**

Managing high-risk vendors is hard, so deal with as few as possible. Take a look at your dashboard and determine if you are interested in consolidating any of the relationships. If so, build time into your game plan to allow for due diligence on the systems associated with the consolidation initiative. Renewal negotiations are the perfect time to shrink your "vendor sandbox" and maximize economies of scale.

#### Renegotiate Price

Your game plan should include your expectations as it relates to the overall savings you wish to acheive. It is almost impossible to benchmark what you pay versus your peers, so don't go there. Look at your overall monthly spend with that vendor and determine which areas are "high growth" systems. Pay particular attention to the systems you have procured over the last term of your agreement. Areas of focus should include online systems, mobile banking, fraud/alert systems, remote deposit capture and payment systems. Also, are there systems you no longer need and any costly third-party integrations? Integration is expensive, and you should negotiate these fees down or try to consolidate relationships where possible.

#### Add New Products and Services

A solid game plan includes the addition of new services. Bundle new services and negotiate significant reductions in their one-time and monthly fees. The more services you add, the more value you build with your vendor. Only commit to what you can install within the first 24 months of your new agreement. Pay close attention to the wording in the contract that speaks to clawing back incentive dollars in the event of termination and the timeline you are under before billing occurs.

#### **Negotiate Key Terms and Conditions**

There are many hidden landmines in your contract. If your agreement is silent on any significant term or condition listed below, tie them down! Your contracts should line up to your organization's strategic goals and the following items should be on your radar.

### Key Terms and Conditions for Mission Critical Systems

- Term/Renewal Term/Notifications
- Termination fees
  - Liquidated damages
  - Conversion of legacy data
  - Deconversion fees (include three file cuts)
  - Holdover premium
- Federal/State laws
- Changes to services
- Transition services
- Problem Reporting/Resolution
- Training
- Fee increases
- Payment/Billing errors
- Limitation of liability
- Termination for breach
- Governing law/arbitration
- Credits/Incentives
- Audits
- Merger/Acquisition
- Travel Expenses/Standard hourly rates
- Commencement
- Exclusivity
- Client obligations
- Sub-Contracting
- Service level agreements
- GLBA

Dust off your agreement and find each of these items or get help if you need it. Ask your account rep if the renewal will be on "new paper" or an "amendment" to the existing agreement. New Paper means you are starting from scratch, so ask for boilerplate agreements as soon as possible. Amendments usually change some language in the existing agreement and spell out new pricing. In either situation, submit your revisions early in the process while you still have leverage. Be specific with your requests and pay special attention to termination fees.

#### **Putting It All Together**

Your renewal game plan is sitting right in front of you. All of the data you need to make wise and informed decisions is at your fingertips. Start early, get organized, have a plan, and engage your vendors with enough time to cover all the bases. After all, you only get to do this once every five years or so.



When you only renew vendor contracts once every few years, take the time to research your current contract, evaluate your bank's needs, and see where you can consolidate or bundle services to save money before renewing.

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## **Credit reminders:** now is the time to review



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Although it is always a good time to review your credit guidelines, now may be an especially good time to do it. As the rate environment changes, you may find original scenarios changing along with the risk allowances. Knowing that, it would be prudent to review your credit rules to ensure that you are optimizing your opportunities and minimizing your risk. Although every banker knows what to look for, here are a few things to keep in mind.

#### **Capture Pre-payment Penalty Income**

There is a built-in way to provide you with pre-payment penalty income, which should be captured. The standard clause ensures that if a borrower pays off more than 20 percent of the principal balance per year, there is a penalty fee due. Remember that this is not cumulative, but year by year. This is considerable income if the borrower wants to refinance at another bank or simply pay off the loan. However, oftentimes this penalty option is turned off or it is waived. The pre-payment clause in your core documentation system should be reviewed. If you feel that the standard penalty clause is not competitive, then it is always customizable for your market. This is an area to review before processing your loans, since it is an easy area to recover fees and increase income.

#### Stress Test at the Loan and Portfolio Level

You will want to stress test robustly both at the loan and portfolio level. The testing should take one day with the correct tools, and it should be done quarterly to ensure that any changes do not negatively impact the bank's bottom line. Once you have the data, it should also be applied to capital to surface trends in capital adequacy. Regular stress testing and review help protect the bank and provide an opportunity to take additional action, if capital levels appear to be heading in the wrong direction.

#### **Update Loan Information Regularly**

Next, consider that when you are doing stress testing, frequency is important but so is the regular update of loan information. Keeping data current, including additional owners, change in owners' information and the value of underlying property (in the event of major market changes, rezoning or renovations) for example, helps ensure your results are up-to-date and can be leveraged better. Debt service coverage ratios should be updated at least once per year to ensure continuing loan performance. Too often we see that once a loan is approved and funded, it is forgotten unless there are problems. Keep your systems up-to-date to have the best data available.

#### Stress Test New Loans up to 400bp

Consider that new loans should also be interest rate stress tested up to 400bp when underwriting them. This is good regular practice to understand risks and exposures, but with the relatively low rate environment, it has been tempting to let this slide. Bankers should revisit this and also consider adding a few other important factors such as cash flow, LTV, loan type, guarantor strength (more on this next) and industry.

#### **Remember Contingent Liability**

Contingent liability is an important element of underwriting. Look at the guarantor to see what other debt they may have through other property loans, lines of credit, etc. If there are other loans held by the guarantor, due diligence should be carried out to find out when those are due and how much they owe on a global basis. Ask whether a higher rate environment will result in problems with these loans as you underwrite the latest one for consideration.

Now is a good time and a good idea to review your underwriting practices and stress testing measures to be sure they work in the current environment.



# Graduate School of Banking at LSU graduates 31 Tennessee bankers

On June 1, 2018, 185 bankers received graduation diplomas as the 67th class of the Graduate School of Banking at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, La. Sponsored by the Tennessee Bankers Association and 14 other southern state

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bankers associations in cooperation with the Division of Continuing Education at LSU, the students traveled from 22 states and Mexico for the 2018 session. The faculty consists of bankers, business and professional leaders, and educators from all parts of the U.S.

2018 marks an important year in the school's history with the announcement that Dr. Don Woodland will retire and assume Emeritus status as of June 30, 2018. Through more than 50 of the school's 67 classes of students, Dr. Woodland has been the leader and architect of the school, its faculty, and courses. The executive committee has appointed John Jordan, Tennessee banker and TBA board member, as executive vice president and director of GSB at LSU. John has a long and affectionate history with GSB as a member of the faculty since 1985 and as president in 2013-2014.

Tennessee faculty for the 2018 session included Harvey Church, First Farmers & Merchants, Columbia; Jeff Hudson, FirstBank, Memphis; John Jordan, Community Bank of East Tennessee, Clinton; Dr. Thomas Payne, Tennessee Tech; Ronny Roberts, Professional Bank Services; and Tod Trulove, Tennessee Department of Financial Institutions.

Tennessee members of the Board of Trustees include Jordan, immediate president elect of GSB at LSU; Colin Barrett, TBA president/ CEO; and Robby Moore, Bank of Perry County, Lobelville.

Learn more about attending the school and the 2019 session at www.gsblsu.org.

Congratulations to the TBA members and Tennessee-based regulators who received diplomas among the Class of 2018.

## **Increasing cybersecurity:** 3 steps to mitigate the hacker's heist



TINA GIORGIO President/CEO. ICBA Bancard

Heading back from Las Vegas following ICBA's annual convention, I can't help but think about that heist flick, Ocean's Eleven, as I consider today's fraud landscape.

The movie's premise is this: A group of guys set out to steal an exorbitant sum from three casinos. Somehow, they are successful in outsmarting security systems, and they walk away with a cool \$150 million.

Contrast that with today's cyber version of vault-busting thieves. Most often, these criminals don't stray far from the digital comfort of sophisticated tech and the dark web, taking advantage of the weakest link in the financial transaction: the customer as a point of entry. In fact, the FBI reports that cybercrime losses in 2016 were \$1.33 billion, with email account compromise as the number one source of loss.

With threats continuing to emerge, I sat down with ICBA's cyber expert, Jeremy Dalpiaz, assistant vice president of cyber and data security policy, to discuss what community banks can do to thwart cyberattacks.

#### 1. Ensure the authentication procedures match the current risk environment.

After the Equifax breach, hackers took hold of an enormous amount of information that, when cobbled together, can give thieves the keys to a person's identity. Banks need to be one step ahead, updating their customer authentication procedures to ask for verification points that have not already been breached.

"Banks have to look at the type of information that was released and the type of information that they hold that they can use to authenticate customers," Jeremy notes. "We haven't seen the Equifax information on the dark web yet, but that really shouldn't comfort anybody. If anything, that should raise the red flag."

Asking the right authentication question, unique to your data, remains one of the best things a bank can do.

#### 2. Elevate cybersecurity to an enterprise-wide initiative.

Everyone within the bank has a responsibility to watch out for cybercrime. Because it often happens at the point of entry, every department from customer service to executive management needs to be on the lookout for anomalies in customer behavior or inconsistent requests.

"Cybersecurity is a field that has gone from a technical focus to a whole bank focus," Jeremy shared. "It is in every line of business and in everyone's interest that bank employees become familiar with how fraud can occur-whether that's through hacking, phishing, spoofing, or another method."

As an enterprise-wide activity, banks also should test their incident response policy. Every year, FS-ISAC offers a free Cyberattack Against Payment Systems exercise that allows financial institutions to identify gaps in their processes.

"These exercises are good not only for cybersecurity resiliency but for business resiliency in general," Jeremy says. "We receive great feedback from banks that participate."

#### 3. Share information with one another—and with your customers.

One of the simplest ways to counter cybercrime is to participate in information-sharing with other banks. When banks communicate with each other, each entity strengthens. Individual financial institutions get to know hacker tactics, techniques and procedures and identify ways to address potential vulnerabilities.

"With FS-ISAC, you can share information in a trusted environment," Jeremy points out. "Everybody is sharing information about how to better protect each other's systems. It's a pretty unique opportunity."

While these tips provide support in updating your fraud mitigation procedures, financial institutions must stay vigilant against cybercrime in ways that align with their organizations' strategic direction.

No matter the approach, today's cyberattacks call for something more sophisticated than the surveillance found in an old-school casino caper. A bank's job is to identify ways to outsmart cybercriminals and stay a step ahead to safeguard customer accounts.

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## 5 strategies for dealing with changing customer expectations



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#### How do financial institutions effectively prepare for the future when they don't know exactly what the future looks like?

This is the question at the center of Prepare Now for the Future of Banking, a recent CSI webinar I presented, along with guest speaker Alyson Clarke, principal analyst from Forrester, a market research company that works with business and tech leaders to develop customer-based strategies.

While industry analysts may not be able to paint an exact portrait of the future, they can use data to identify trends in evolving customer behavior. Clarke says Forrester's research indicates customers are more empowered than ever, giving rise to a new era that the firm calls the "Age of the Customer."

"Customers, because of their connectivity through smartphones and other devices, hold the balance of power in the relationship now," Clarke says. "The institution no longer determines where a customer can interact with them or where they can get information."

#### **The Tendencies of Modern Customers**

Forrester has uncovered trends in five key areas that elaborate on the current wave of customer empowerment:

- Willingness to experiment: Customers of all ages are showing an increasing appetite to try new technologies and new ideas, which speeds up new technology adoption rates.
- Device usage: The number of devices connected to the internet outside of computers and smartphones, such as smart homes, is growing considerably.
- Digital/physical integration: Customers want to combine digital and physical experiences. Even businesses that were born digitally, like Amazon or Warby Parker, are starting to branch out into physical locations because of their importance in connecting with customers.

- Information savviness: Retail customers are consuming information from businesses at a much faster rate. They want to know prices, features, etc., without having to jump through hoops.
- Self-efficacy: Customers want to make sure they are going to benefit from business relationships. For example, they want to know that a financial institution can improve their financial life just as much as wanting to know the institution's products, features, and prices.

According to Clarke, many financial institutions aren't ready to meet customers' new expectations, and digital disruptors like Amazon Alexa and Google Home are beginning to drive a wedge between them and their

"Digital disruptors are starting to curate services and drive compelling experiences for customers that are pushing institutions further into the background and making them invisible," Clarke says. "This makes it easier for customers to eventually leave if they are not seeing value above the products."

#### **How Should Financial Institutions Deal** with Changing Customer Expectations?

Clarke says institutions that excel at customer experience are growing at a much faster rate than their peers—and their success is fueled by five distinct strategies:

#### 1. Develop customer-obsessed DNA

Stop thinking about where your customers are now but rather what their needs will be in the future. Your institution can accomplish this by turning big data into actionable insight as well as forming collaborative, cross-functional teams focused on your customers and their needs.

#### 2. Follow your customers

Customers are more likely found in their homes, on Facebook, or on many other digital platforms that aren't your mobile app. Conversational interfaces like Apple's Siri and Facebook Messenger will enable more personalized experiences. Your institution will need to assess how your products and services fit into these conversational platforms to serve customers—no matter where they are.

#### 3. Blend human and digital interactions

Believe it or not, prospects and customers still seek human interaction in many situations, so self-service isn't always the answer. Try blending human interaction with digital enhancements. For example, integrate live chat with your mobile app to personalize customer interactions.

#### 4. Use data to personalize customer experiences

Personalization is an experience that uses customer data to frame, guide, extend, and enhance interactions. Use data to help your customers uncover a financial need before they even know they have one.

#### 5. Collaborate to create new value for customers and your business

Shifting your mindset from technology-first to customer-first will prepare your institution for the future, no matter what new technology is on the horizon. Institutions that think about offering an experience that goes far beyond buying a product will have customers who stick around.



Developing a customer-first rather than a technology-first strategy, such as using data to personalize customer experiences and blending human and digital interactions, your instituion will have an advantage, no matter what technological advances develop.

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## TBA's Debbie Brickles retires after 21 years of dedication to Tennessee banking

Debbie Brickles, TBA's senior vice president of education, retired at the end of June after 21 years of faithful service to **the Association.** Debbie has been a champion of banker education—always looking for ways to better deliver the best learning opportunities for our members. Debbie will be missed, but her legacy will continue to be seen in our top-notch education programming. Please join us in thanking Debbie for her service to the TBA and the Tennessee banking industry.



















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### People on the Move

Have information from your bank about promotions or branch news? Send them to Lila Griffin at Igriffin aTNBankers.org.

Alexander Thompson Arnold PLLC, Jackson, has welcomed Alexis Long as marketing director.



FLEMING-RIDLEY WALKER

Citizens Saving Bank & Trust Company, Nashville, has promoted Joan Fleming-Ridley to vice president of residential mortgage lending; and Eric Walker was named as residential mortgage loan officer.

F&M Bank, Brentwood, has named Austin Kemp as a mortgage loan originator.

F&M Bank, Clarksville, has named Joanna Futrell as vice president and commercial lender.

Fifth Third Bank, Nashville, has promoted Garland Robeson to senior vice president and named Pattie Imperial as senior vice president, managing director of private banking. In addition, the bank has selected Justin Frizzell to manage the mortgage team; added Barbara McGinty as a mortgage loan officer; and named returning Wade Quinn as a mortgage loan originator.





First Farmers and Merchants Bank, Columbia, has named Jason Redd as chief audit officer; and added Michael B. Boatright and Thomas V. Clark to the bank's mortgage division.

First Tennessee Bank N. A., Memphis, has named Marla Howell as portfolio management team leader, commercial division, Middle Tennessee.



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First Volunteer Bank, Chattanooga, has promoted Trish Phillips to senior vice president/operations; Jeff Ross to senior vice president/accounting; and Richard Tripp to senior vice president/ compliance and risk. **Donna Rosson** was named vice president and market leader; Phil Shannon as vice president/loan operations; Kim Krick as banking officer; and Christy Mercer as banking officer and controller.

Franklin Synergy Bank, Franklin, has named Julian Bibb as chief legal counsel.

Horne LLP, Jackson, has promoted Leighton Foster to supervisor; Libby Hubbard to senior manager; Josh Murrell to senior associate; Russ Powers to manager; and Briana Russell to senior manager.





Legends Bank, Clarksville, has promoted Thomas (Tommy) E. Bates, Jr., to president and CEO, effective January 2018: and Rick Archer. Nashville's market president, was elected to the bank's board of directors, May 2018. Billy P. Atkins will remain chairman.







WILLOUGHBY

Pinnacle Financial Partners, Nashville, has welcomed Rachel Willoughby as a senior vice president and trust services advisor at Pinnacle's downtown Nashville office. Ken Farley was named to the bank's wealth management team. Pinnacle Financial Partners has added **John Ehmig** as a manager of retirement services across the firm's footprint of Tenn., the Carolinas, and Va.

Pinnacle Financial Partners. Murfreesboro, Jamie **Harrington** was named as a senior vice president as financial advisor for the firm's client advisory team.



HARRINGTON

Sevier County Bank, Sevierville, has named Senior Vice President Randy E. Roberson as director of lending.









ServisFirst Bank, Nashville, has promoted Ray Coombs to cash management specialist and Megan Spilka to branch manager in Nashville. **Ebony Parker** was named as a customer service representative and Ryan Tilghman as mortgage loan officer.

Simmons Bank, Union City, has named Brandon Cooper as community president for Southwest Tennessee; Thomas Harrison as vice president, West Tennessee treasury management officer; and Larry Neal as vice president, commercial banking.

SmartBank, Knoxville, has named Ron Gorczynski as executive vice president and chief administrative officer. Most recently, Gorczynski served as the chief accounting officer for the Bank of North Carolina, High Point, N.C.







SmartBank, Knoxville, has appointed Anthony Price as senior vice president, market executive and Carlos Wolfe as first vice president, relationship manager to lead at the bank's new loan production office in Morristown (525 West Morris Blvd., Ste. A).

Tennessee Bank & Trust, Franklin, has named Sue Veith as senior vice president, treasury management; and Brian Shaw as senior vice president, commercial banker.

United Community Bank, Knoxville, to expand its SBA lending team in East Tenn., has named Chris Dolan as a vice president/business development officer.



Wilson Bank & Trust, Lebanon, has welcomed Kent Sandidge IV as commercial lender. 🛂

### **Bank Notes**

The Bank of Nashville, a div. of Synovus Bank, Nashville, and Cohutta Banking Company, a div. of Synovus Bank, Chattanooga, have merged and changed their names to Synovus Bank.



Bank of Tennessee, Johnson City, celebrated the grand opening of its newest branch location at Brookview Centre Way with bank employees, customers, and the community.

CapStar Financial Holdings Inc., Nashville, has merged with Athens Bancshares Corp., Athens, whereby Athens Federal will change its name to CapStar Bank.

Civic Bank & Trust, Nashville, has merged with and into Franklin Synergy Bank, **Franklin**, and **Civic** will change their name to Franklin Synergy Bank this summer.



Coffee County Bank, Manchester, opened a branch office in Tullahoma at 511 North Jackson St with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and reception.

Community Bank and Trust, Springfield, announced the retirement of Johnnie Marlin after 19 years serving as the Robertson County's Market President. Johnnie will remain as



a Director of both the Bank and the Holding Company and will serve on the Bank's Directors' Loan Committee.

Crowe Horwath LLP, Franklin, has changed their name to Crowe LLP effective June 4.

Dana Little Williams. executive vice president and CFO of The Farmers & Merchants Bank, Dyer, was honored as the 2018 Administrative Professional of the Year at a luncheon sponsored by Greater Gibson County Chamber of Commerce.





FirstBank, Nashville, was named a 2018 Platinum Winner in the Hermes Creative Awards for the magazine they created to welcome American City Bank and Clayton Bank customers, and they were a Gold Winner for their new website.

First Community Bank of the Heartland Inc, Dresden, celebrated the opening of their new Dresden Banking Center with door prizes, a ribbon-cutting ceremony, and reception.



First Community Bank of East Tennessee, Rogersville, prepared to celebrate its 25th anniversary, as a bank employee created this free-hand rendering of the event's logo in the bank's parking lot.





GARKOVICH

First Tennessee Bank, Knoxville, has named Erik Garkovich and Kim Jarrard as new relationship managers in the bank's private client services group.

Pinnacle Financial Partners, Nashville, branch manager Gary **Collier** was named by Bank Investment Consultant magazine as No. 1 nationwide among the top managers of investments services



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bank programs. In addition, the magazine, earlier this year, listed four Pinnacle Asset Management financial consultants— Brock Kidd, No. 1; Jamie Hare, No. 20; Brick Sturgeon, No. 47; and Barry Moody, No. 62—to "Top 100 Bank Advisors in the U.S."

Pinnacle Financial Partners, Nashville, and Artist Growth, the leading artist management software platform, have announced a strategic partnership and equity investment aimed at bringing a new model of financial services to touring entertainers.

Pittsburgh-based PNC Bank has established a loan production office in Nashville and announced Michael Johnson will launch the bank's Nashville presence with the help of John Brown from Louisville and Chelsea Peterson from Atlanta.

Kevin Little, mortgage loan originator with Regions Mortgage, Nashville, was recognized as 2018 Affiliate of the World by the Greater Nashville Association of Realtors.



Employees of Nashville's ServisFirst Bank gathered to celebrate the bank's five-year anniversary.

Sevier County Bancshares, and its principal subsidiary Sevier County Bank have named Bobby R. Stoffle, CFO, as acting CEO and president.

Southern Community Bank, Tullahoma, has merged with and changed their name to SmartBank, effective May 1.

Southeastern Trust Company, the wealth management and trust division of Atlantic Capital Bank, N.A. has been acquired by a group of Chattanooga based investors led by Mike Kramer. The company will operate as Southeastern Trust Company in new offices in downtown Chattanooga with Kramer serving as chairman of the board.

Sharon J. Pryse, founder and CEO of Knoxville's The Trust Company, received the James A. Haslam, II Chairman's Leadership Award from the Knoxville Chamber, the Sprit Award from the Helen Ross McNabb



PRYSE

Center, and May 8 was declared Sharon Miller Pryse day.



Volunteer State Bank, Portland, celebrated a grand opening of their branch in Springfield (2112 Memorial Blvd) with food, prizes, giveaways, and ribbon-cutting ceremony.



Wilson Bank & Trust, Lebanon, hosted an open house at their new Clemons-Richerson Operations Center (105 N. Castle Heights Ave.) to celebrate the bank's new operations center. 🛂

## **Community Corner**

If your bank's Facebook page has highlights from community involvement, tag @TNBankers in the post to possibly get it published in The Tennessee Banker magazine.



Amanda Hayes of Athens Federal Community Bank, Athens, served as a member of the 2017-2018 McMinn and Meigs Counties United Way Fund Distribution Panel, and the bank's Vice President Chris Adams will co-chair the 2018-2019 UW campaign.

**Employees of** Nashville's Bank of **America** volunteered at Second Harvest of Middle Tennessee sorting more than 5,000 pieces of foods.



Bank of Lincoln County, Fayetteville, was a gold sponsor of the 14th Annual Blue Walk at Junior's House Inc.





Bank of Lincoln, Fayetteville, hosted the Lincoln High School National Business Honor Society with a behind-the-scenes tour of the bank.



Commercial Bank, Harrogate,

received the Outstanding Community Engagement Award given by the East Tennessee Elder Justice Coalition and the E. Tenn. Area Agency on Aging and Disability for the bank's initiative to protect seniors in the community.

**Farmers** State Bank. Mountain City and Johnson County Bank, Mountain City, contributed jointly, a total of \$9.000. for a new scoreboard for the Johnson County Little



League softball program.



In Dyersburg, First Citizens National Bank officers Jeff Agee, Judy Long, and Chris Heckler are pictured with the bank's \$8,000 donation presented on behalf of FCNB customers in its Southwest and Central region to John Smith and Katy Mortimer of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.



First Tennessee Bank, N.A., Memphis, presented the Salvation Army with \$100,000 to support facility renovations in Middle Tennessee.



First Tennessee Bank, N. A., Memphis, a supporter of the Jason Foundation for 21 years, presented a check for \$5,000 to the Foundation at a recent golf tournament. The firm also gave a \$1,000 to the Blount County Children's Advocacy Center.



First Tennessee Bank, N. A., Knoxville, employees participated in Bowl for Kids'Sake fundraising event benefiting Big Brothers Big Sisters. First Tennessee, Memphis, sponsored the Morning Pointe Foundation Annual Golf Tournament for the fourth year.







First Volunteer Bank, Chattanooga, participated in the 2018 Dragon Boat race raising \$12,182 for the Children's Hospital at Erlanger. FVB's team finished as top team fundraiser, top individual fundraiser, and received the 2018 team spirit award and helped a dog from the Humane Society find a "forever home."



First Volunteer Bank sponsored and volunteered at the 2018 National Cornbread Festival in South Pittsburg.

First Volunteer Bank volunteered as buddies for disabled children at the YMCA Miracle League of Chattanooga, helping each child play baseball.



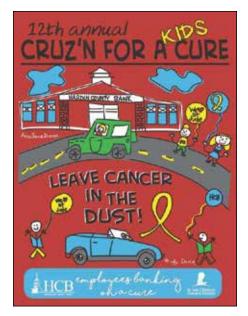


Employees of Savannah's The Hardin County Bank collected 5,363 food items to help children in Hardin County, and the Pickwick/Counce office collected almost 2000 items.

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## **Community Corner** continued

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The Hardin County Bank's 12th Annual Cruz'n for a Kids Cure Car Show, raised \$11,000 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.



Heritage Bank & Trust, Columbia, sold geraniums at the Mount Pleasant and Columbia offices and raised \$400 to help Mount Pleasant FFA chapter members attend summer camp. Heritage Bank employees Shannon Colvett and Sara Chapman are pictured with FFA members Destiny Cooper and Ashley Clanton.





The A.C.T.S. team from Paragon Bank, Memphis, prepared the Dorothy Day House's new house for move-in day.



Pinnacle Financial Partners, Mount Juliet, delivered goodie bags to 50 Wilson County Sheriff Deputies during National Police Week.



SmartBank, Pigeon Forge, employees in Cleveland participate in the 2018 Habitat Women Build Event in Cleveland.



Tennessee State Bank, Pigeon Forge, was a sponsor of the city's Annual Wilderness Wildlife Week, now in its 28th year, at LeConte Center in Pigeon Forge, giving every visitor an opportunity to learn about life and culture of the Great Smoky Mountains.





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### **Featured Events**

#### **AUGUST 3.** 2018

#### 2018 FDIC BANKER OUTREACH PROGRAM

#### TBA Barrett Training Center, Nashville

Early Registration Deadline: July 20, 2018

TBA Member/Associate Member Early Registration: \$255 TBA Contact: Monique Jenkins, mjenkins@TNBankers.org

The Dallas Region of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and the Tennessee Bankers Association are jointly presenting the 2018 FDIC Directors College/Banker Outreach Program. This important program will give attendees the opportunity to network with state and federal regulators to learn about current and emerging issues facing the financial services industry. Topics include what is going on within our state and what it means to our banks and the overall commerce industry. Program designers have closely tied content to feedback received from bankers and suggestions from field supervisors within the state.

#### Participants will receive:

- · A manual that is an excellent reference resource
- · Review of the most recent regulatory changes
- Updated and detailed review of Call Report schedules
- · Best practice ideas to apply to Call Report preparation

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**AUGUST** 28 & 29, 2018

#### TRAINING THE CREDIT ANALYST

#### TBA Barrett Training Center, Nashville

Early Registration Deadline: August 7, 2018 TBA Member/Associate Member Registration: \$510 TBA Contact: Monique Jenkins, mjenkins@TNBankers.org

This two-day program gives lenders and analysts the tools required to understand and use financial information provided by borrowers. The key to producing high-quality analysis is being able to understand the actions or inactions of your borrower's management team. You then must ask the borrower just the right questions. The goal is to measure risk, develop loan structure, and assure the borrower's capacity to repay the loan. The loan officer/analyst must communicate that information to the loan committee and the customer. Ultimately, good loan officers are able to offer value-added information allowing their borrowers to make better business decisions.

#### **AUGUST 30-31, 2018**

#### BASIC CONSUMER LENDING

#### TBA Barrett Training Center, Nashville

Early Registration Deadline: August 9, 2018

TBA Member/Associate Member Registration: \$510

TBA Contact: Monique Jenkins, mjenkins@TNBankers.org

This two-day basic program was developed for those charged with organizing and managing consumer loans. It will address credit decision-making as well as the human relations aspect of lending. The schedule includes case studies and role playing to acquaint you with the skills of effective interviewing, understanding, and evaluating to improve your credit decisions. It also contains a discussion on the concepts of secured lending and an analysis of decision-making.

#### Program highlights

- · Current trends in consumer lending
- Discuss loan approval processes and systems
- · Read and understand credit reports
- · Identify and discuss required documentation
- · Evaluate lending to the self-employed



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## **Employment Opportunities**

#### POSITION WANTED

#### 1801-3 (M) CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

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#### **POSITIONS AVAILABLE**

#### 1806-9 (M) RELATIONSHIP BANKING **SPECIALIST**

FULL TIME SHIFT: Monday-Thursday; 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Friday's 8:00-6:00pm- Saturday 9am-2pm. SALARY RANGE: \$21,831.00-\$34,590.00. LOCATION: Jefferson St. SUMMARY: The position of Relationship Banking Specialist is responsible for performing routine and intermediate branch and customer services duties; accepts retail and commercial checking and savings deposits; processes loan payments; cashes checks and savings withdrawals; assists with night depository duties; processing all new account transactions; assisting customers in their selection of various accounts and financial services; cross-selling the Bank's products and services; opening, maintaining and closing of all account types; performing branch clerical duties; promotes business for the Bank by maintaining good customer relations and referring customers to appropriate staff for new services. Assures compliance with all Bank policies and procedures as well as all applicable state and federal banking regulations. ESSENTIAL DUTIES: Provides support to all assigned areas of branch operations where service or assistance is needed, including new accounts, teller, safe deposit, and other areas of basic branch operations. Assists consumer and business customers in their selection of various accounts, products and financial services available from the Bank; ensures cross-sell opportunities are presented by applying professional sales techniques. Interviews customers to obtain information; establishes proper identification of new customers; determines need and extent of reference investigation; assists customers in completing credit applications. Discusses, prepares and processes documents related to the Bank's Online Banking service. Discusses and accepts merchant card applications for submission to the Operations Department. Makes decisions

regarding the opening of new accounts; assigns account numbers; completes forms requiring customer signature(s); checks credit history; accepts initial deposits; prepares all documents and items pertaining to checking accounts, savings accounts certificates of deposit, and other products for processing. Operates personal computer to process account activity, determine balances, and resolve problems within given authority. May represent the Bank in various community, civic, and community reinvestment functions to further enhance the Bank's image and develop additional business. Provides effective customer service by answering customer questions; investigates and corrects errors; and resolves problems or other issues. Issues official checks, money orders, traveler's checks, etc. Performs safe deposit duties by opening accounts, controlling access, assisting customers and processing affiliated reports. Receives and processes stop payment and hold orders. Presents funds received from customer to teller for initial deposits; determines funds availability and obtains receipt for customer. Processes credit reports, wire transfers, credit card orders, address changes, check and deposit slip orders, and endorsement stamp orders. Records, files, scans documents, updates information and sort's mail or reports as required. Gathers data and process various reports and callbacks. Answers telephones and directs callers to proper Bank personnel. Processes DDA lines of credit and credit/debit card applications, card ordering and file maintenance. Processes statements, renewal notices and interest payments for IRA and certificates of deposit accounts. May assist in opening and closing the vault daily; assists in balancing vault currency and coin. Cross-trains less experienced branch personnel. Type's routine letters, reports and forms. Maintains files, copies and faxes documents, and orders and distributes supplies. Performs official notary service duties, if applicable. SUPERVISIORY RESPONSIBILTIES: The position of Financial Service Rep is not responsible for the supervision of any employee(s). MENTAL DEMANDS: The incumbent in this position must be able to accommodate to reading documents or instruments, detailed work, problem solving, customer contact, reasoning, math, language, presentations, verbal and written communication, analytical reasoning, stress, multiple concurrent tasks and constant interruptions. MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS: These specifications are general guidelines based on the minimum experience normally considered essential to the satisfactory performance of this position. The requirements listed below are representative of the knowledge, skill and/or ability required to perform the position in a satisfactory manner. Individual abilities may result in some deviation from these guidelines. Associate degree or 3

years of related experience and/or training; or the equivalent combination of education and experience. Work related experience should consist of a financial institution operations, sales or customer service a background. Educational experience, through in house training sessions, formal school or financial industry related curriculum, should be business or financial industry related. Basic knowledge of related state and federal banking compliance regulations, and other Banking operational policies. Intermediate typing skills to meet production needs of the position.Basic math skills; calculate interest and balance accounts; add, subtract, multiply and divide in all units of measure, using whole numbers, common fractions and decimals; locate routine mathematical errors; count currency, coin and negotiable instruments in a timely manner. Ability to deal with difficult problems involving multiple facets and variables in non-standardized situations. Effective organizational and time management skills. Intermediate experience, knowledge and training in branch operations activities, terminology and products and services relating to retail and commercial account customers. Ability to work with general supervision while performing duties. Current driver license and a vehicle with appropriate insurance coverage if required to drive in the course of performing assigned duties and responsibilities. This job description is a general representation of the duties and responsibilities commonly found for this type of position. Qualified applicants can send resumes to Patricia Mays at pmays@bankcbn.com or fax them to 615-320-0627.

#### 1806-8 RELATIONSHIP OFFICER

CRA Partners is a compliance program offered by the Senior Housing Crime Prevention Foundation. The Foundation operates Senior Crimestoppers, a nationwide crime prevention program focused on educating and safeguarding against elder theft, abuse and neglect. The program is funded exclusively by the banking industry. Banks earn CRA credit in the form of CRA-qualified loans, investments and grants. The Sales and Retention Officer is responsible for developing and maintaining customer relationships and managing all sales activities within a defined region. PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES: Achieve budgeted sales goal. Work with bank prospects and partners to identify key business goals, opportunities and concerns, with a focus on maximizing customer satisfaction and retention. Manage relationships with bank decision makers including, but not limited to, senior executives. Engage with sales team and internal staff to leverage expertise and specialized resources as needed. Identify opportunities to engage new bank partners. Identify sales threats in the competitive environment and develop

responsive sales and marketing approaches to address them. Maintain relationships with industry influencers and key strategic partners. Stay current in the industry by participating in educational opportunities, joining professional organizations and maintaining personal networks. OUALIFICATIONS: Bachelor's degree in Finance, Business or a related field and a minimum of 10 years of relevant sales experience; experience selling products and services to banks strongly preferred. Proficiency with CRM-type proprietary computing tools and the willingness and ability to quickly learn other systems. Demonstrated proficiency with Microsoft Office. Ability to navigate a variety of financial reporting sites to retrieve information required in the development of sales plans. Excellent verbal and written communication skills are required. Strong time management and organizational skills. Highly motivated self-starter with the ability to work independently and as a member of a team. Ability to travel at least 50% of the time. Excellent verbal and written communication skills are required. Strong time management and organizational skills. Highly motivated self-starter with the ability to work independently and as a member of a team. Ability to travel at least 50% of the time. CRA Partners offers a competitive salary, excellent benefits and a collegial work environment. Interested candidates are invited to submit resume, cover letter and salary requirement to Sue Shaffer at Sue.Shaffer@shcpfoundation.org.

#### 1806-7 LOAN OPERATIONS SPECIALIST

Heritage Bank and Trust is seeking qualified candidates to fill the role of full-time Loan Operations Specialist at our main office located in Columbia, TN. ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RE-SPONSIBILITIES: Provides administrative and operational support as needed to multiple lending functions in accordance with established systems and procedures. Ensures schedules and deadlines are met, coordinating with other departments as needed. Maintains appropriate files and records. Reviews documents prior to submission. Develops and prepares reports relating to duties or projects assigned. Performs necessary research for completion of projects. Assists with problem resolution as needed. Preparation, scanning, and maintenance of loan files. Other duties as assigned by supervisor. JOB REQUIREMENTS AND QUALIFICATIONS: Full knowledge of bank's loan policy. Knowledge and ability to adhere to all compliance and lending regulations. High degree of accuracy. Attain additional education requirements to fulfill the needs of position. Excellent communication skills, both written and verbal. MINIMUM QUAL-IFICATIONS: Education - High School Diploma or Equivalent; College degree preferred. Possess strong organizational skills and ability to handle multiple tasks. Computer Skills – Microsoft Word, Excel, Outlook. We offer competitive compensation and benefits. Qualified candidates should email their resume to lchandler@heritagebankandtrust.com. Heritage Bank and Trust is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer. www.heritagebankandtrust.com.

#### 1806-6 TREASURY MANAGEMENT SUPPORT SPECIALIST

ROLE: Responsible for providing sales support and implementation for all Treasury Management, as well as providing ongoing overall client relationship service. Directly supports sales opportunities and prepares relationship reviews for existing customers. Promotes Treasury Management products, including installations, annual reviews and providing customer service. May also participate in other sales related initiatives, cross-sell identification, internal and external product training, and support for risk/compliance-related initiatives. ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS & RESPONSIBILITIES: Serves as the Treasury Management point person responsible for sales implementation and strategic support. Promotes Treasury Management products with business customers; conducts remote deposit installations; annual reviews; provides customer service for products. Perform and analyze client relationship reviews. Identifies and works on cross-sell opportunities and areas of improvement for client relationships. Maintains high product knowledge, particularly with regard to commercial deposit accounts, sweep accounts, repos, remote deposit, commercial Internet Banking, wire transfer, ACH origination, bill pay, direct deposit, and other commercial banking products and services. Assist with providing internal and external Treasury Management product training. Works with the Credit Administration, Deposit Operations, Marketing, Compliance, Accounting, Product Development and Fee Committee, and services that complement and support the needs and relationships of commercial customers. Works with Relationship Managers to determine analysis fee pricing; periodically reviews account analysis per-item charges to ascertain if they are adequate and appropriate; works with Deposit Operations to ensure that accounts are set up properly for the analysis to occur. Performs other job related duties as assigned. EXPERIENCE: Two years to three years of work and customer service experience in financial services or banking; in Treasury Management preferred. EDUCATION: A college degree (BS or BA in a relevant field) or an equivalent combination of related education and work experience. INTERPERSONAL SKILLS: A significant level of trust and diplomacy is required, in addition to normal courtesy, customer service, and tact are essential elements of the job. Work involves personal contact with others inside and/or outside the organization for purposes of giving or obtaining information, building relationships, or soliciting cooperation. Work may involve motivating (changing behavior), influencing, or training others. OTHER SKILLS: Must have good communication skills; must be analytical and inquisitive; must have good cross-selling skills; must be proficient with word processing and spreadsheet software. In-depth knowledge of Treasury Management solutions preferred. This Job Description is not a complete statement of all duties and responsibilities comprising the position. All responses can be sent directly to andrew.smith@myfirstfarmers.com or through

our posting on LinkedIn at https://www.linkedin.com/jobs/view/666529179/

#### 1805-1 CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER

Commercial Bank & Trust Company is currently seeking an experienced Chief Information Officer. Duties of this position include setting objectives and strategies for the IT department, selecting and implementing suitable technology to streamline all internal operations, and maintaining technological systems and platforms to improve user experience. The CIO will provide guidance to IT professionals and other staff within the organization, direct and organize IT projects, and oversee the technological infrastructure of the organization to ensure optimal performance. It will be the responsibility of the CIO to monitor advancements in technology and analyze costs, value, and risks to advise management. REQUIREMENTS: Proven experience as CIO or similar managerial role in banking environment. Excellent knowledge of IT systems and infrastructure, preferably for Jack Henry Banking Software. Background in designing/developing IT systems and planning IT implementation in a banking environment, in a multi-branch configuration. Solid understanding of data analysis, budgeting, and business operations. Superior analytical and problem-solving capabilities. A strong strategic and business mindset. Excellent organizational and leadership skills. Outstanding communication and interpersonal abilities. BS/BA in Computer Science, Engineering or relevant field; MS/MA preferred. Offers full benefits including Medical, Vision, Dental, Life Insurance, Short-term and Long-term disability, and 401k. Please submit resumes to hr@cbtcnet.com. Commercial Bank & Trust Company is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer. 🌌



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# Following in father's footsteps



For newly elected TBA Chairman John Muse, banking is in his blood. Thirty-eight years ago at TBA's Annual Meeting in Gatlinburg, John's father, John H. "Jack" Muse, was installed as the chairman of the Independent Bankers Division.

The elder Muse spent more than 60 years in the banking industry. At the age of 17, he began working at Farmers State Bank, where he later became chairman, president, and CEO. Muse retired in July 2002 and was posthumously honored with the Tennessee Bankers Association's Leaders in Banking Excellence award in 2007.

Originally featured in *The Tennessee Banker* in July 1980.

The 1980 elected division chairmen of the Association pictured: John H. "Jack" Muse and his wife, Trula, Tony Thompson (Trust Division) and Mrs. Thompson, and Simpson Russell (National Bank Division).

### Professional Development Calendar

IT/Operations/Information Security Officer Forums - Session 2 of 3

TBA Barrett Training Center, Nashville

July 15-20

The Southeastern School of Banking<sup>sM</sup> I & II

Belmont University, Nashville

August 3

**FDIC Banker Outreach Program** 

TBA Barrett Training Center, Nashville

**NEW** August 15

Senior Retail Banking Personnel

TBA Barrett Training Center, Nashville

August 16

The Southeastern School of Banking Branch Management - Session 3 of 4

TBA Barrett Training Center, Nashville

August 21-24, 28-30

**TBA Membership Meetings** 

Manchester, Chattanooga, Kingsport, Knoxville, Nashville, Memphis, Jackson

August 28 & 29

**Training the Credit Analyst** 

TBA Barrett Training Center, Nashville

August 30 & 31

**Basic Consumer Lending** 

TBA Barrett Training Center, Nashville

September 5

2017-2018 Senior Human Resources Forums - Session 3 of 3

TBA Barrett Training Center, Nashville

September 6

2017-2018 Senior Compliance Officer Forums - Session 4 of 4

TBA Barrett Training Center, Nashville

September 6 & 7

Bank Security & Risk Management Conference

Franklin Marriott Cool Springs, Franklin

September 10, 11, 12, 13

**BSA/AML Compliance Management** 

Kingsport, Knoxville, Jackson, Nashville

September 18 & 19, 20 & 21, 26 & 27

**Compliance with Federal Lending** Regulations

Knoxville, Nashville, Jackson

September 19, 20, 21

2018-2019 Senior Lender Forums - Session 1 of 3

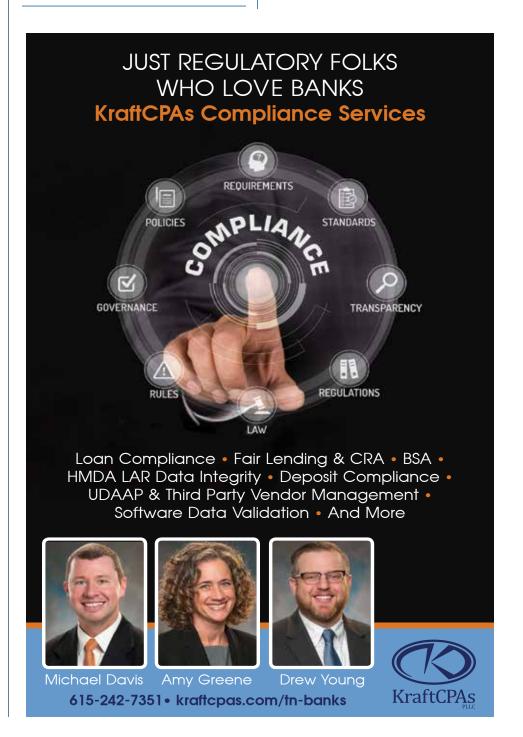
TBA Gilliam Board Room, Nashville

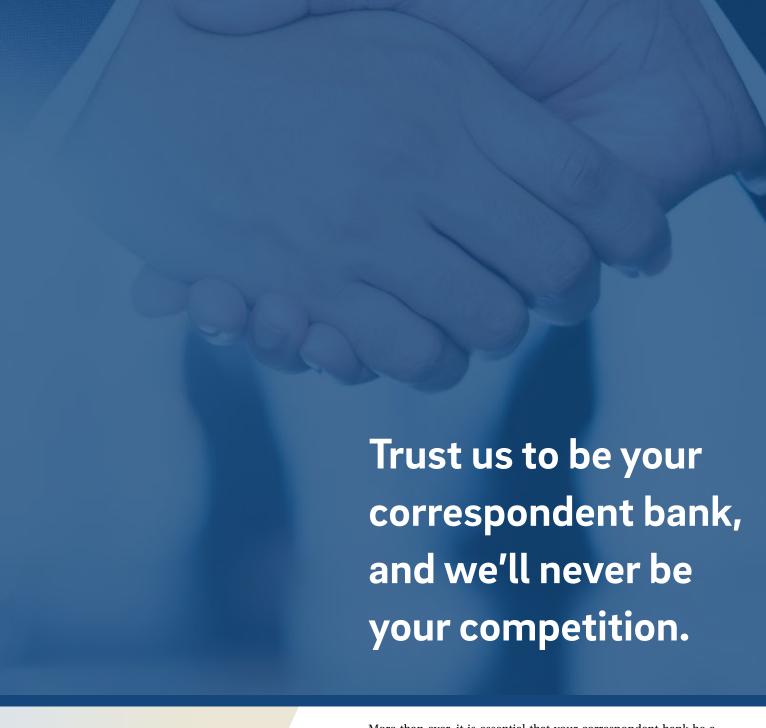
**EVENING** September 24, 25, 26, 27

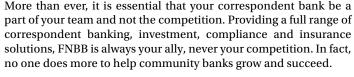
**New Accounts in Tennessee** 

Kingsport, Knoxville, Jackson, Nashville

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