News Release

White Named Leader in Banking Excellence



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Kip White, chairman and CEO of The Fountain Trust Company, Covington, was recognized on Aug. 9 by the Indiana Bankers Association as a Leader in Banking Excellence, the Association's highest honor. The award was initiated in 2018 to celebrate exceptional leaders who have positively impacted Indiana banks and the communities they serve. Additionally, five other members of the Indiana banking community were inducted into the class of 2019 honorees.

The awards ceremony took place at the IBA offices in Indianapolis with presentations from dignitaries including: Director Thomas C. Fite, Indiana Department of Financial

Institutions; Speaker Brian Bosma, Indiana House of Representatives; IBA Chairman Andrew J. Briggs, Farmers & Merchants State Bank; and Amber R. Van Til, IBA president and CEO. The ceremony culminated with the showing of the IBA Wall of Excellence, where plaques representing each honoree are to remain on permanent display.

The plaque for Mr. White reads as follows:

Kip White is chairman and CEO of The Fountain Trust Company and Piper Holdings Inc., Covington, and practices law with White & White Attorneys LLP. He joined the bank in 1970, serving as president from 1995 to 2015. White is a past Indiana representative of the Independent Community Bankers of America (formerly Independent Bankers Association of America); legislative director, treasurer and president of the Community Bankers Association of Indiana (formerly Independent Bankers Association of Indiana); Covington School Board member; and Pension Management Oversight Commission lay appointee. He was instrumental in the negotiation and passage of the landmark Banking Structure Reform Act of 1985. The third generation of his family to serve as both a lawyer and bank leader, White is a member of the Indiana Bankers Association 40 Year Club and a graduate of DePauw University and the Indiana University School of Law.

Congratulations to the 2019 class of IBA Leaders in Banking Excellence:

David M. Findlay, Lake City Bank, Warsaw

James G. Hiatt, First State Bank of Middlebury

Merle J. Kendall, Spencer County Bank, Santa Claus

Morris L. "Morrie" Maurer, The National Bank of Indianapolis

Robert C. Nelson (deceased), Indiana Bankers Association, Indianapolis

Kip White, The Fountain Trust Company, Covington



For more information, including names of past honorees, visit: <u>indianabankers.org/leaders-banking-excellence</u>

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