News Release

Tanselle Named Leader in Banking Excellence

John W. Tanselle, a partner at SmithAmundsen LLC, Indianapolis, is being honored by the Indiana Bankers Association with the IBA Leaders in Banking Excellence award, to be presented at a private ceremony in December in Indianapolis. This award, the Association’s highest honor, celebrates exceptional leaders who have positively impacted Indiana banks and the communities they serve.

At the upcoming awards event, Indiana dignitaries from private and public sectors will be making presentations, and honorees will have the opportunity to offer comments. Additionally, participants will be invited to visit the IBA offices to view the Leaders in Banking Excellence wall, with plaques showcasing each honoree to remain on permanent display. Each honoree is to receive a keepsake plaque at the awards ceremony.

The 2020 Leaders in Banking Excellence represent a range of current and retired leaders in banking. All were nominated by IBA members and approved unanimously by the IBA Board of Directors.

Tanselle biography:
John W. Tanselle, a partner at SmithAmundsen LLC, Indianapolis, co-chairs the firm’s financial services practice group. A practicing attorney since 1981, he helped draft banking-related Title 28 of Indiana Code. Tanselle is a former trustee for Methodist Health Foundation and Christian Theological Seminary, as well as a past board member of the Indianapolis Public Library Foundation. He has earned multiple awards including: Best Lawyers Indianapolis Banking and Finance Law Lawyer of the Year in 2014; Best Lawyers in America; Indiana Super Lawyers; and recognitions from the Indianapolis Business Journal for Who’s Who in Banking and 40 Under 40. Tanselle is a Distinguished Fellow of the Indianapolis Bar Foundation and a member of the Indianapolis, Indiana State and American bar associations. He earned a bachelor’s degree from Indiana University and a JD from the IU Robert H. McKinney School of Law.

Congratulations to the 2020 class of IBA Leaders in Banking Excellence:

George L. Allison, Owen County State Bank, Spencer
Craig M. Dwight, Horizon Bank, Michigan City
Clay W. Ewing, German American Bank, Jasper
William W. Harrod, First Harrison Bank, Corydon
Charles E. Isch, First Bank of Berne
Gene E. Miles, First Farmers Bank & Trust, Converse
Larry W. Myers, First Savings Bank, Clarksville
John W. Tanselle, SmithAmundsen LLC, Indianapolis
Ryan M. Warner, Bippus State Bank, Huntington
David G. Wihebrink, Logansport Savings Bank

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