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4 Indiana Bankers Receive Top Honor

INDIANAPOLIS (Sept. 17, 2025) – The Indiana Bankers Association recognized four members of the state's banking community with Leaders in Banking Excellence awards, the Association's highest honor. The awards were presented at a ceremony on Monday, Sept. 8, as part of the IBA's Annual Convention at the French Lick Springs Resort.

CLASS OF 2025 HONOREES
Thomas W. Dinwiddie, Dinsmore & Shohl LLP, Indianapolis
Donald E. Goetz, DeMotte State Bank
Karen I. Miller, The Farmers Bank, Frankfort
Christopher J. Murphy III, 1st Source Bank, South Bend

Honorees are chosen for their positive impact not only on Indiana's banking industry but on the communities they serve. They are nominated by IBA-member organizations and approved by the IBA Board of Directors. Details about each honoree can be found at the end of this release.

"Each of this year's honorees has contributed immensely to the benefit not only of Indiana's banking community but their local communities as well," said Amber R. Van Til, president and CEO of the Indiana Bankers Association. "It is our honor to recognize their achievements and contributions by adding them to the IBA Wall of Excellence."

Speakers at the ceremony included Indiana Senate Republican Caucus Chair Travis Holdman; Director Thomas C. Fite, Indiana Department of Financial Institutions; IBA 1st Vice Chairman David Findlay, chairman and CEO of Lake City Bank, Warsaw; Amber R. Van Til, IBA president and CEO; and a video message from U.S. Rep. Rudy Yakym, R-Ind. Each honoree was invited to make comments and then received an ebony keepsake plaque. One honoree is deceased and was represented by family members.

A permanent Wall of Excellence at the Association's office in Indianapolis displays plaques commemorating all 47 Leaders in Banking Excellence honorees inducted since the award's inception in 2018.

For more information about IBA Leaders in Banking Excellence, including past honorees, visit indiana.bank/Leaders-Banking-Excellence.



(from left) Christopher J. Murphy III, chairman of 1st Source Bank, South Bend; Karen I. Miller, past president and CEO of The Farmers Bank, Frankfort, represented by her widower, Greg Miller; Thomas W. Dinwiddie, of counsel at Dinsmore & Shohl LLP, Indianapolis; and Donald E. Goetz, CEO of DeMotte State Bank; were honored by the Indiana Bankers Association as Leaders in Banking Excellence, the Association's highest honor, at a ceremony at French Lick Springs Resort as part of the IBA's Annual Convention on Monday, Sept. 8, 2025.

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ABOUT THOMAS W. DINWIDDIE

Tom Dinwiddie, a partner at Wooden McLaughlin LLP, which merged into Dinsmore & Shohl LLP, has been a leader in banking, real estate and real estate finance for more than 50 years. He represented the Indiana Mortgage Bankers Association for more than 30 years, regularly participating in drafting statutes governing mortgage lending in Indiana and becoming the first recipient of the Indiana Mortgage Bankers Association's Distinguished Service Award. Tom regularly speaks to banking organizations across the country on compliance and real estate finance issues, bringing a national scope to his mortgage banking and finance practices. Beyond his law practice, Tom was appointed to the board of Merchants Bank, Carmel, in 2002 and the board of its holding company in 2022. He is a graduate of DePauw University and of the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law.

ABOUT DONALD E. GOETZ

Don Goetz has spent his entire banking career with DeMotte State Bank. Starting in 1976 fresh after graduating from Purdue University, he worked his way up to president & CEO in 1988 when he was just 34 years old. In his time at the helm, Goetz completed the successful acquisition of Morocco State Bank, established 10 new branches and grew the bank's shareholder base significantly, maintaining healthy, stable returns year over year. He is a board member for the Indiana Department of Financial Institutions and Northwest Jasper Regional District (NORWEJ) Water Department, is a past president of the DeMotte Chamber, and has previously served on the Jasper County Tax Abatement Advisory Board and Kankakee Valley Intermediate School Bond Board among many other community organizations.

ABOUT KAREN I. MILLER

Karen Miller, past president and CEO of The Farmers Bank, Frankfort, began her 30-year banking career in 1985 at Clinton County Bank & Trust, moving to The Farmers Bank in 1995. A 30-year member of the Indiana CPA Society, Miller eventually served as chief financial officer of the bank before becoming the first female president/CEO and board member in the bank's history in 2006. She retained that title until her passing in 2015. Active in her community, Miller was a past president of Clinton County Partners in Progress and Frankfort Main Street, and served on the boards of the Indiana Bankers Association, Indiana Chamber of Commerce, Clinton County Chamber of Commerce, Clinton County United Way and Clinton County Community Foundation. She earned a bachelor's degree from Ball State University and received her Certified Public Accountant certification from the State of Indiana.

ABOUT CHRISTOPHER J. MURPHY III

Chris Murphy's banking career spans over 60 years, starting with an internship at the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency when he was 17, then 3.5 years at Citibank after graduating from the University of Notre Dame, earning an MBA from Harvard and completing law school at the University of Virginia. He then joined his father-in-law and a group of investors to buy what was then The First Bank and Trust Company of South Bend, now 1st Source Bank, serving as a mix of director, president and CEO of the bank and its holding company for 52 years. Under his leadership, 1st Source has grown from $220 million in total assets with nine banking centers to $9 billion with 78 locations. Murphy has served on numerous local, regional and national for-profit and not-for-profit boards, including the Indiana Bankers Association, the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago and the Indiana Commission for Higher Education. He was named a Sagamore of the Wabash in 2004 and 2024.

ABOUT THE INDIANA BANKERS ASSOCIATION

The Indiana Bankers Association supports Indiana banking through issues advocacy, professional education, and products and services that enhance financial institutions' ability to help build better communities.

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