News Release

Briggs Named Leader in Banking Excellence

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Andrew J. Briggs, first senior vice president for business development of Farmers & Merchants State Bank, Archbold, Ohio, and a board member for the bank and Farmers & Merchants Bancorp, is being honored by the Indiana Bankers Association with the IBA Leaders in Banking Excellence award, to be presented on Aug. 5 at a special ceremony in Indianapolis. This award celebrates exceptional leaders who have positively impacted Indiana banks and communities. Four other members of the Indiana banking community are being inducted into the class of 2022 leaders.

At the upcoming awards event, Indiana dignitaries will be making presentations, and award recipients will have the opportunity to offer comments. Each honoree will be presented with an ebony plaque etched with a portrait and biography. Identical crystal plaques will be on permanent display at the IBA offices in Indianapolis.

The Leaders in Banking Excellence awards are the Association's highest honor. For more information about the awards, visit indiana.bank/leaders-banking-excellence.

Biography:

Andrew J. Briggs is first senior vice president for business development of Farmers & Merchants State Bank, Archbold, Ohio, and a board member for the bank and Farmers & Merchants Bancorp. He previously was president and CEO of Bank of Geneva from 1994 until the bank's merger with F&M in 2019. Briggs was the fifth generation of his family to lead Bank of Geneva. His community service includes the Geneva Town Council, Indiana State Museum, Limberlost State Historic Site, Northeast Indiana Regional Development Authority, Adams County Economic Development and Adams Public Library System. Briggs was appointed to the Indiana Board of Depositories in 2017, and he was named a Sagamore of the Wabash in 2019. He served the Indiana Bankers Association as 2019 chairman and is a member of the IBA 40 Year Club. Briggs is a graduate of Ball State University.

Congratulations to the 2022 class of IBA Leaders in Banking Excellence:

Andrew J. Briggs, Farmers & Merchants State Bank, Geneva
Harriett Brown *(deceased)*, Springs Valley Bank & Trust Company, French Lick
David W. Heeter, Northwest Bank, Muncie
John M. Kennedy, gbcBANK, Greenfield
Garry D. Kleer, First Bank Richmond

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