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Bauer Named Leader in Banking Excellence



INDIANAPOLIS (June 9, 2023) – **Michael K. Bauer**, senior vice president and senior credit officer at **WesBanco Bank, Wheeling, West Virginia**, is being honored by the Indiana Bankers Association with the IBA Leaders in Banking Excellence award, to be presented on Aug. 4 at a special ceremony in Indianapolis. This award celebrates exceptional leaders who have positively impacted Indiana banks and communities. Two other members of the Indiana banking community are being inducted into the class of 2023 leaders.

Indiana dignitaries will present the awards at the upcoming ceremony, and honorees will receive an ebony plaque etched with a portrait and biography. Identical crystal plaques will be on permanent display in the IBA offices in Indianapolis.

The Leaders in Banking Excellence awards are the Association's highest honor. For more information, **visit the Association's website**.

BIOGRAPHY

Michael K. Bauer is senior vice president and senior credit officer with WesBanco Bank, Wheeling, West Virginia. He previously served as executive vice president commercial lending for MainSource Bank, Greensburg; president and CEO of Regional Bank, New Albany; and president and CEO of Harris Bank, Bartlett, Illinois. He chaired the board of advisors of Indiana University Southeast and previously served on the boards of directors of the Southern Indiana Chamber of Commerce, the Economic Development Council of Southern Indiana and the Arts Council of Southern Indiana. He earned a bachelor's degree from Eastern Illinois University and an MBA from DePaul University. Bauer served the IBA in 2010 as chairman of the board and is a past director of the Community Bankers Association of Indiana. He was named a Distinguished Hoosier in 2010.

Congratulations to the full 2023 class of IBA Leaders in Banking Excellence:

Michael K. Bauer, WesBanco Bank, Wheeling, WV
Michael F. Petrie, Merchants Bank of Indiana, Carmel
Michael E. Schrage, Centier Bank, Merrillville

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