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Zahn Named Leader in Banking Excellence



INDIANAPOLIS (July 22, 2024) – **Stephen E. Zahn**, chairman of **First Federal Savings Bank, Huntington**, is being honored by the Indiana Bankers Association with the IBA Leaders in Banking Excellence award, to be presented on Aug. 2 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 will also be inducted into the class of 2024 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

Stephen E. Zahn began his career at First Federal Savings Bank, Huntington, in May of 1964. In his role as president, CEO and chairman, he grew the bank and took it public in 1995. Under his leadership, the bank has achieved success and accolades, consistently being named one of the Top 200 Community Banks and being recognized as a Dividend Champion company. Zahn chaired the Indiana League of Savings Institutions in 1996-97, which went on to merge with the IBA in 2000. When he retired from daily duties at the bank, he was honored as a Distinguished Hoosier by Gov. Mitch Daniels. Zahn was also named to the Chiefs of the Flints Springs Tribe, the highest honor an individual can receive for service and dedication to the Huntington community.

Congratulations to the full 2024 class of IBA Leaders in Banking Excellence:

Michael L. Kubacki, Lake City Bank, Warsaw
Annette Russell, Security Federal Savings Bank, Logansport
Stephen E. Zahn, First Federal Savings Bank, Huntington

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