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Goetz Named Leader in Banking Excellence



INDIANAPOLIS (Sept. 8, 2025) – **Donald E. Goetz**, CEO of **DeMotte State Bank**, was honored by the Indiana Bankers Association with the IBA Leaders in Banking Excellence award, presented on Sept. 8 during a ceremony as part of the IBA's Annual Convention at the French Lick Springs Resort. This award celebrates exceptional leaders who have positively impacted Indiana banks and communities. Three other members of the Indiana banking community were also inducted into the class of 2025 leaders.

Indiana dignitaries presented the awards, including Indiana Senate Republican Caucus Chair Travis Holdman; Director Thomas C. Fite, Indiana Department of Financial Institutions; IBA Chairman Matt Howrey, president and CEO of North Salem State Bank; Amber R. Van Til, IBA president and CEO; and a video message from U.S. Rep. Rudy Yakym, R-Ind. Honorees were invited to offer their own comments in reflection on their career and the industry. One honoree is deceased and was represented by family members.

Honorees received an ebony plaque etched with a portrait and biography. Identical crystal plaques are on permanent display at the IBA office in Indianapolis.

The Leaders in Banking Excellence awards are the Association's highest honor. This year's honorees represent a range of industry leaders. Each was nominated by IBA-member organizations and approved by the Association's Board of Directors. For more information, **visit the IBA's website**.

BIOGRAPHY

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.

Congratulations to the full 2025 class of IBA Leaders in Banking Excellence:

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

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