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Miller Named Leader in Banking Excellence



INDIANAPOLIS (Sept. 8, 2025) – **Karen I. Miller**, past president and CEO of **The Farmers Bank, Frankfort**, was posthumously 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. Miller 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

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.

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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