News Release

Nelson Named Leader in Banking Excellence

For immediate release
August 14, 2019



Robert C. Nelson, former leader of the Indiana Bankers Association, was recognized posthumously on Aug. 9 by the Indiana Bankers Association as a Leader in Banking Excellence, the Association's highest honor. He was represented at the awards ceremony by family members. The award was initiated in 2018 to celebrate exceptional leaders who have positively impacted Indiana banks and the communities they serve. Additionally, five other members of the Indiana banking community were inducted into the class of 2019 honorees.

The awards ceremony took place at the IBA offices in Indianapolis with presentations from dignitaries including: Director Thomas C. Fite, Indiana Department of Financial Institutions; Speaker Brian Bosma, Indiana House of Representatives; IBA Chairman Andrew J. Briggs, Farmers & Merchants State Bank; and Amber R. Van Til, IBA president and CEO. The ceremony culminated with the showing of the IBA Wall of Excellence, where plaques representing each honoree are to remain on permanent display.

The plaque for Mr. Nelson reads as follows:
Robert C. Nelson, leader of the Indiana Bankers Association from 1967 to 1988, passed away in 2018. He had served the Association for 33 years before retiring as president, the highest staff rank at the time. Previously, he was with LaPorte Bank and Trust Company, the U.S. Army Air Corps finance department and Associates Investment Company of South Bend. Affiliations included the Foundation for Full Service Banks, American Bankers Association, Central States Conference of State Associations, Indiana Council for Economic Education and the Economic Club of Indiana. Additionally, he volunteered with Kiwanis International and served on the board of SCORE. Nelson was an Army veteran of World War II, a Sagamore of the Wabash and Kentucky Colonel, a member of the IBA 40 Year Club, and an alumnus of Oxford University in England and Indiana University.

Congratulations to the 2019 class of IBA Leaders in Banking Excellence:
David M. Findlay, Lake City Bank, Warsaw
James G. Hiatt, First State Bank of Middlebury
Merle J. Kendall, Spencer County Bank, Santa Claus
Morris L. "Morrie" Maurer, The National Bank of Indianapolis
Robert C. Nelson *(deceased)*, Indiana Bankers Association, Indianapolis
Kip White, The Fountain Trust Company, Covington

For more information, including names of past honorees, visit: indianabankers.org/leaders-banking-excellence

###

The Indiana Bankers Association supports Indiana banking through issues advocacy, professional education, and products and services that enhance financial institutions' ability to help build better communities.

Indiana Bankers Association
8425 Woodfield Crossing Blvd., Suite 155E
Indianapolis, IN 46240-7321
indianabankers.org / @indianabankers
Contact: Laura Wilson, lwilson@indianabankers.org, 317-333-7146