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## **Daniel G. Watts Elected Chairman of the Illinois Bankers Association**

SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS – Daniel G. Watts, President of Forest Park National Bank, was inducted on June 23 as Chairman of the Illinois Bankers Association (IBA) during the organization’s Annual Conference in Nashville, Tenn.

Watts will serve as the IBA Chairman for the 2017 fiscal year, and he will lead the IBA board as it continues to execute its strategic plan, improve the banking and business climate in Illinois for the benefit of all communities, and provide innovative solutions to its member banks.

Watts has been working as an executive banking professional for over 25 years. He began his career at American National Bank and Trust Company of Chicago. He went on to serve as President, CEO, and Director at Cosmopolitan Bank and Trust, Pullman Bank and Trust, and Park National Bank (all subsidiaries of the former FBOP Corporation). Currently, he is President of Forest Park National Bank, which he joined in January of 2010. He resides with his family in River Forest, helping to serve the banking needs of the local communities in which he grew up and currently resides.

Watts earned an undergraduate degree in Economics from Northwestern University, a law degree from Loyola University of Chicago School of Law, and a Master’s Degree in Business Administration from the University of Chicago Booth School of Business. He is a member of the Economic Club of Chicago and is an active board member of the Fenwick High School Foundation, Community Investment Corporation (CIC), and Chicago Neighborhood Initiatives.

“The IBA is pleased and honored to have Dan lead our board and executive team,” IBA President and CEO Linda Koch said. “He is a great asset to the association.”

*The Illinois Bankers Association is a full-service trade association dedicated to creating a positive business climate that benefits the entire banking industry and the communities they serve. Founded in 1891, the IBA brings together state and national banks and savings banks of all sizes in Illinois. Collectively, the IBA represents nearly 90 percent of the assets of the Illinois banking industry, which employs more than 100,000 men and women in nearly 5,000 offices across the state.*