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**Martin J. Noll
Named Illinois Banker of the Year**

Martin J. Noll, Chairman of the Board of the Community Bank of Oak Park River Forest, was honored as the 2017 Illinois Banker of the Year by the Illinois Bankers Association (IBA). The award ceremony was held on June 21 during the IBA's Annual Conference in Nashville, Tenn.

This is the 15th year for the Illinois Banker of the Year award, which is the highest honor the Illinois Bankers Association can bestow on one of its members. It is presented annually to an individual whose dedication to excellence has most profoundly enhanced the banking industry.

Noll's banking career spans practically 50 years, and he has been very active with the IBA for the majority of that time. Not only has he twice served on the IBA Board, but he also has served on at least a dozen IBA committees over the years, and currently serves on the IBA Board of Directors and Membership Committee.

Noll has served as a delegate to the Banking Leadership Assembly of the ABA and as a member of the Advisory Board of the ABA's Consumer Lending School. He is a member and past president of the Bankers Club of Chicago, and he also is past chairman of the Chicago Area Chapter.

In addition to serving as chairman of the Oak Park Economic Development Corporation and chair of its Executive Committee, he also is a founding member and treasurer of the Business and Civic Council of Oak Park. He serves on the Board of Dominican University, River Forest, Ill., and is a member of its Executive and Vision and Mission Committees. He has served on the boards of

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West Suburban Health Services, West Suburban Hospital Medical Center and Resurrection Health Care Foundation.

Noll, who began his banking career at the American National Bank of Chicago, founded the Community Bank of Oak Park River Forest in 1996, first serving as president and CEO, and now serving as Chairman, and he is the chairman, CEO and founding shareholder of Oak Park River Forest Bankshares, the holding company for the bank. His banking experience, in addition to Community Bank, includes working at First Chicago Bank of Oak Park, formerly Oak Park Trust and Savings, and working for First Security Bank of Chicago.

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.