
Ohio Bankers League

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Winchester Banker Named as State Association Chairman

COLUMBUS, Ohio . . . Michael Pell, president and CEO of First State Bank in Winchester has been elected to serve as chairman of the Ohio Bankers League's board of directors in 2018.

"Mike Pell embodies all of the qualities necessary in a great community banker," commented OBL President and CEO Mike Adelman. "He has been a strong and vocal advocate for the Ohio banking industry both in Columbus and Washington D.C. and we look forward to the leadership and guidance he will provide during the coming year."

Comprised of bank executives from across the state, the OBL board serves as the governing body for the professional trade association representing all Ohio banks and savings institutions. As chairman Pell will play a critical role in setting the League's agenda as well as establishing legislative and regulatory priorities for the Ohio banking industry.

"We feel a lot of optimism in the Ohio economy as we begin 2018," said Pell. "The OBL will continue to assist member banks to serve their local communities and make Ohio the best place to live and work this year, as well as advocate for much-needed regulatory relief."

Pell started his career in 1983 at The Farmers Bank in West Union, Ohio. He worked as a teller, in deposit operations, and prepared loan documents for the senior lender of this small community institution. In 1992, he moved into retail administration after The Farmers Bank was acquired by Fifth Third Bank.

In 2006, he transitioned back to community banking and became president and CEO of First State Bank in Winchester. First State Bank has experienced profitable growth under Pell's leadership, growing to \$451 million in size and 11 locations serving four counties in Southern Ohio.

He is executive director and founding member of Leadership Adams, and serves the following boards: Southern State Community College, Adams Regional Hospital Foundation, and Hospice of Hope in Maysville, KY.

Mike received his BBA degree from Morehead State University in 1985 and is a graduate of the OBL's Bank Leadership Institute. He resides in West Union, Ohio with his wife Monica and five children; Robert, Haylee, Jacob, and twins Derrick and Dakota.

About First State Bank

First State Bank has been in operation since 1884. Presently, there are 11 locations: Manchester, Peebles, Seaman, West Union, Winchester, Ripley, Georgetown, Mt. Orab, Hillsboro and Washington Court House.

About the Ohio Bankers League

The Ohio Bankers League is the trade association for the Ohio banking industry – and is Ohio's only organization focused on meeting the needs of all banks and thrifts in the Buckeye State. For more than 100 years, the OBL has been the voice of the Ohio banking industry fostering a cooperation that has made it one of the strongest and most reputable financial trade associations in the country. By linking banks, bankers, and industry experts – and by pooling their intellectual and capital resources – the OBL serves as a powerful creator of knowledge and collective resources. The non-profit association is comprised of 200 FDIC-insured financial institutions including commercial banks, savings banks, and savings and loan associations ranging in size from just over \$20 million in assets to more than \$3 trillion..

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