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## FBA Announces 2023 Award Winners

*Florida bankers recognized for outstanding contributions to banking industry and their communities*

TALLAHASSEE – In keeping with tradition, the FBA recently presented awards to a select group of deserving bankers at its 135<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, which took place in Orlando earlier this month. The distinguished awards recognize individuals for their dedication and contributions to the FBA and Florida's banking industry. The 2023 award winners are:

- **Lamar Roberts (retired) was presented with the FBA Lifetime Achievement Award.** Established in 2011, this award is determined by the FBA Executive Committee and presented on a periodic basis to an individual or individuals who have dedicated their professional lives to the banking industry in general and has had a significant impact on the Florida banking industry specifically. Roberts has served as president, CEO, or chairman of six Florida banks. He is a Past Chair of the FBA and a guest lecturer for the FBA's Florida School of Banking. Roberts has also served on the Executive Committee of the Community Banker's Council of the American Bankers Association, and as a director and member of the Executive Committee of the Independent Community Bankers Association.
- **Alfonso Macedo, President & CEO, Ocean Bank (Miami), was named Banker of the Year.** This award recognizes an individual who demonstrates the highest level of commitment to the banking industry and service to his or her community. Macedo promotes a culture of giving back; Ocean Bank partners with local organizations like The Education Fund and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Miami-Dade. Macedo also encourages his team to get involved with the FBA, whether through advocacy or educational opportunities. He is highly respected by his peers, bank colleagues and community partners.
- **Mindy Markwardt, SVP, Director of Compliance at Seacoast Bank (Stuart), was presented with the Chairman's Award.** This award is given to a recipient selected by the outgoing FBA Chairman, in this case Bill Penney, to honor someone who has gone above and beyond to support the FBA. Markwardt served as chair of an important FBA task force, made up of more than 20 bankers from across the state, on the regulators' proposed rulemaking for CRA guidelines; after months of hard work, the FBA submitted a letter with a dozen recommendations on CRA reform.
- **McHenry Kane, EVP and Co-General Counsel at City National Bank of Florida (Miami), was given the Horizon Award.** Kane was selected because of his outstanding dedication to the FBA and the goals and objectives set forth by the association. The Horizon Award winner is presented with a golden eagle trophy for "soaring" above expectations. Kane serves on the FBA BankPac Board of Directors. He recently moderated a panel discussion on property insurance at the FBA's 135<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting.

"The FBA is proud to recognize these outstanding leaders of Florida's banking industry who represent the great work of all Florida bankers," said FBA President and CEO Alex Sanchez. "Their dedication to the banking industry, to the state of Florida and to their communities serves as a tremendous example for each of us in our own personal and professional lives."

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**The Florida Bankers Association (FBA)** serves as the primary resource through which Florida financial service providers work in unity to influence the state and federal legal regulatory environment in which they serve their customers. Established in 1888, the FBA is one of Florida's oldest trade associations and has a membership of more than 250 financial institutions ranging in size from small community banks, thrifts and trust companies, to medium-sized banks operating in several parts of the state, to large regional financial institutions that are headquartered in Florida or outside the state. Deposits of the members of the FBA make up 95 percent of total deposits in the state of Florida.