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Allen Breland Elected to Board of Mississippi Bankers Association

JACKSON - Allen Breland of Forest has been elected to a three-year term on the Board of Directors of the Mississippi Bankers Association (MBA).

Breland will represent an 11-county region of the state on the MBA board, which governs the 129-year-old statewide trade association whose membership includes banks and savings institutions operating in Mississippi. MBA members hold more than 95 percent of bank deposits in the state.

Breland is president and chief executive officer of Bank of Forest, a position he has held since 2013. He has 38 years of banking experience, the last 31 with Bank of Forest. Breland earned a bachelors degree and a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Mississippi. He is a graduate of the Mid-South School of Banking, the Central Bank Commercial Lending School, the LSU Consumer Credit Lending School, and the Oklahoma School of Lending. Breland's involvement in the MBA includes his serving on the Board of Trustees of the association's group medical program, as well as serving on the MBA Legislative and Nominating committees. He is a past president of the Mississippi Young Bankers section of the association.

His extensive community activities include service as president of the Forest Chamber of Commerce and the Forest Rotary Club. He is active in the Forest United Methodist Church, where he has held numerous leadership positions.

Breland and his wife, Mitzi, have two adult children.

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