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Mike Ellard Elected to Board of Mississippi Bankers Association

JACKSON - Mike Ellard of Natchez has been elected to a three-year term on the Board of Directors of the Mississippi Bankers Association (MBA).

Ellard was elected at the recent MBA convention to represent banks in a 12-county region of the state. The association's board governs the 129-year-old trade association whose membership includes banks and savings institutions operating in Mississippi. Currently, MBA members hold over 95 percent of bank deposits in the state.

Ellard is president and chief credit officer of United Mississippi Bank in Natchez. He has 35 years of banking experience, the last 12 years with United Mississippi Bank. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in history and a Master of Business Administration degree from Mississippi State University. He also is a graduate of the Graduate School of Banking at Louisiana State University and holds the American Bankers Association's Lender of Business Banking certification.

Ellard's extensive community activities include serving as a past president of the Lions Club, United Way and American Heart Association in Natchez. He was appointed by Gov. Haley Barbour to the board of Mississippi Prison Industries Corp. Ellard is a former adjunct instructor at Copiah-Lincoln Community College and Alcorn State University in Natchez. He is an active member of the Miss-Lou Mississippi State University Alumni Association and the MSU Bulldog Club.

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