Texas Banking Commissioner Names Director of Bank and Trust Supervision

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Randall S. James, Texas Banking Commissioner announced today the promotion of Ryan P. Eckstein as the agency's new Director of Bank and Trust Supervision.

In this position, Mr. Eckstein will have primary responsibility for the agency's staff of bank and trust examiners, and the supervisory activities of our 373 state-chartered banks, 33 state-chartered trust companies, and 11 foreign bank agencies.

Mr. Eckstein began his banking career with the First National Bank in Chillicothe, Illinois while attending college. Upon graduation in 1988, he joined the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation in Los Angeles, California as an assistant examiner. Mr. Eckstein rose through the ranks to Senior Examiner in his eight years with the FDIC, also serving as a field office training coordinator during that time. He joined the Texas Department of Banking in 1996 as a Corporate Analyst, and has most recently served in the role of Financial Analyst for the Bank and Trust Supervision Division with responsibilities including the divisional budget, performance measures and the agency's off-site monitoring program.

Mr. Eckstein graduated from the University of Texas at Austin in 1988 with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance. He and his wife, Dyann, reside in Round Rock with their five children, William, Sam, Kimberly, Shane, and Kara.

Commissioner James said, "I am pleased to have Mr. Eckstein's experience and professionalism to draw upon as we meet the many challenges that face us in this ever-changing banking environment."