

# Texas Department of Banking

## Press Release

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### **B. G. Hartley Added to Commissioner's Council**

Date: February 7, 2000

Texas Banking Commissioner Randall S. James has announced the addition of B. G. (Bill) Hartley, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Southside Bank, Tyler, Texas, to the Commissioner's Council. Mr. Hartley has been the Chief Executive Officer of Southside Bank since the bank was chartered in 1960. He also serves as chairman of the National BankPac Committee/American Bankers Association, Washington, D.C.; Texas Bankers General Agency, Inc. in Austin; and as director of BancInsure, Inc., Oklahoma City; Bankers Multistate Insurance, Inc., Oklahoma City; Texas Taxpayers & Research Association, Austin; and as director and executive committee member of the University of Texas at Tyler Education Foundation, Inc.

The Commissioner's Council advises the Banking Commissioner regarding policy formulation at the Texas Department of Banking. The Council also provides input into the development of rules to support the Texas Finance Code and complements the working relationship the Commissioner has established with the Independent Bankers Association of Texas and the Texas Bankers Association. In addition, the council focuses on membership in the Conference of State Bank Supervisors (CSBS) by encouraging state banks to join CSBS in support of the dual banking system and states' rights issues, and in recognition of their efforts to protect the state banking system.

Commissioner Randall S. James stated, "The addition of such a strong and active Texas banker to the Commissioner's Council provides me with a valuable insight into current banking conditions and issues and I look forward to working with him and the other Council members in the coming year."