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### **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Banking Commissioner Names Robert K. Nichols, III as General Counsel**

The Texas Banking Commissioner announced today the selection of Robert K. Nichols, III as General Counsel.

In his capacity as General Counsel, Nichols will be responsible for overseeing the Legal Division and providing advice and counsel to the Finance Commission, the Banking Commissioner, and other divisions across the agency. He will also be responsible for assisting in drafting rules that guide the Department's operations, as well as tracking and analyzing bills filed by legislators which impact the financial services industry in Texas.

Nichols' legal career is extensive. Most recently he served as Litigation Counsel for Beal Bank where he managed litigation related to mortgage, real estate, bankruptcy, and employment law matters. Prior to working in the banking industry, Nichols served as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Northern District of Texas and the Middle District of Alabama. Notably, Nichols is an Air Force veteran having served as a Military Commissions prosecutor, a fighter wing Deputy Staff Judge Advocate, and a member of the Office of General Counsel for the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency.

Commissioner Cooper said, "We are pleased that Robert has accepted this position and feel that his selection should be considered as not only a reflection of his professionalism and experience, but also a reaffirmation of the work of the team currently in place at the Department." Commissioner Cooper further stated, "Robert is an experienced professional who can support the Department and meet the challenges that come before us. We have an excellent Department and a strong banking system in Texas."

Nichols attained a B.A. in Political Science from Auburn University and a J.D. from Samford University, Cumberland School of Law.