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Tom Romrell Named to CSBS Bankers Advisory Board

Boise, Idaho . . . At the Conference of State Bank Supervisors (CSBS) Board of Directors meeting last week in Denver, The Bank of Commerce President and CEO Tom Romrell was elected to the CSBS Bankers Advisory Board (BAB) for a two year term. Romrell is the first member of the BAB from Idaho. Romrell was first appointed to finish the term of a retired BAB member in early 2015.

The BAB is made up of sixteen state bank CEOs from around the country that advise the CSBS Board of Directors on a host of important current banking and bank regulatory issues facing state chartered banks. Many of these issues involve state-chartered community banks from all over the country.

The CSBS Board of Directors is made up of state bank supervisors from around the country that establish policies, provide education, identify best practices, and draft state and federal legislation for consideration by the 54 state agency members of the CSBS. State-chartered banks make up about 77 percent of all chartered banks and approximately 83 percent of all community banks in the United States. Gavin Gee, Director of the Idaho Department of Finance, is a former CSBS Chairman and currently serves on the CSBS Board.

Tom Romrell is President and CEO of The Bank of Commerce, where he was named President 19 years ago and has served as President and CEO the past 18 years. In total, Romrell has 28 years of banking experience. The Bank of Commerce, headquartered in Idaho Falls, was chartered in 1959 and has 16 locations in American Falls, Ammon, Blackfoot, Driggs, Idaho Falls, Mud Lake, Pocatello, Rexburg, Rigby, Ririe, Shelley and in Dillon, Montana.

"Tom Romrell's many years as President and CEO of The Bank of Commerce and his significant banking industry leadership positions at the local, state, and national level qualify him as an outstanding member of the BAB," said Gee. "Under his leadership, The Bank of Commerce has grown in total assets to over \$1 billion and is recognized nationally and locally as a safe and sound high-performance bank. The bank also has a terrific track record of civic, charitable, and community support and involvement."

Romrell commented, "I look forward to representing my banking colleagues on the Bankers Advisory Board and working with the CSBS Board of Directors to address the vital role community banks play in our local, state, and national economies and the current challenges and opportunities facing the banking industry."

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