

For additional details, please contact:
Audra Johnson
Director of Communications
Ohio Bankers League
614.340.7621
ajohnson@ohiobankersleague.com

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: November 18, 2024

Ohio Bankers League Names Todd Mason, CEO of First National Bank of Pandora, as 2024 Banker of the Year in the under \$500 Million in Assets Category

COLUMBUS, OHIO — The Ohio Bankers League (OBL) is excited to announce Todd Mason, CEO of First National Bank of Pandora, as the 2024 Banker of the Year. This award celebrates an exceptional banking professional who has set a high standard for leadership, mentorship, and community service, making a profound impact within the financial industry and beyond.

“Todd Mason exemplifies what it means to be a visionary leader in the banking world,” said Michael Adelman, President and CEO of the Ohio Bankers League. “He is not only a driving force behind the success of First National Bank of Pandora but also an inspiring mentor and an advocate for the communities he serves. His unwavering dedication to advancing the banking industry and uplifting those around him is truly remarkable.”

Mason’s influence is evident in multiple facets of his career and community work:

- **Transformational Leadership:** At the helm of First National Bank of Pandora, Mason has fostered a culture of innovation and strategic growth. His forward-thinking approach has propelled the bank’s success and set an example for other financial institutions.
- **Mentorship and Professional Development:** A committed mentor, Mason actively supports the growth of future banking leaders. He is known for investing time and energy into coaching and inspiring his team members, encouraging them to achieve their professional goals.
- **Advocacy and Industry Contributions:** Mason has been a strong advocate for banking policies that promote economic health and sustainability. He serves on multiple industry boards, working tirelessly to advance the interests of Ohio’s financial institutions.
- **Community Engagement:** Outside of his role at the bank, Mason is a dedicated volunteer and philanthropist. His work includes supporting local organizations, promoting financial literacy, and leading initiatives to strengthen the well-being of the Pandora community.
- **Inspiring Leadership:** Mason is admired for his ability to motivate others and promote collaboration. His dedication to excellence and his vision for a stronger banking community inspire those who work with him.

During his acceptance speech, Mason encouraged all of the young people in the room to seek out those who have spent their career in banking, stating that they had a lot of knowledge and wisdom to share. He also thanked the OBL for helping him form lifelong connections. Mason, who is retiring at the end of the year, told the crowd, “I remember Mike Adelman, ten or so years ago, taking me to lunch in Pandora and saying that I needed to get more involved. I took that to heart, and we did. It

has paid off tremendously, from the professional development to the governmental advocacy, it was easily one of the best decisions I made.” Mason also went on to thank his team and his “better half”, his wife Jennifer, for the success they have had over the years.

The OBL congratulates Todd Mason on this well-earned achievement and applauds his continued efforts to advance the banking sector and make a positive impact in Ohio communities.

The Ohio Bankers League is the trade association for the Ohio banking industry – and is Ohio’s only organization focused on meeting the needs of all banks and thrifts in the Buckeye State. For more than 125 years, the OBL has been the voice of the Ohio banking industry fostering a cooperation that has made it one of the strongest and most reputable financial trade associations in the country. By linking banks, bankers, and industry experts – and by pooling their intellectual and capital resources – the OBL serves as a powerful creator of knowledge and collective resources. The non-profit association is comprised of 174 FDIC-insured financial institutions including commercial banks, savings banks, and savings and loan associations ranging in size from just over \$13 million in assets to more than \$1.5 trillion.

###