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**Adrian Beverage named president/CEO of Oklahoma Bankers Association**

*Beverage will lead with more than 20 years of experience with the OBA*

(OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla.)—The Oklahoma Bankers Association announced Thursday that, after a nationwide executive search, Adrian Beverage has been chosen as its next president and CEO, effective May 1, 2021.

“With our partners at Schnake Turnbo Frank, our 10-member succession committee conducted an objective, dynamic process to select the next president and CEO of the OBA,” said Rick Walker, chairman of the OBA Board of Directors. “After a comprehensive search, we selected a leader who has been a longtime advocate for our member banks and has built strong relationships with our members, legislators and regulators. He is a results-oriented, strategic leader who we are confident will navigate our association through the changes our industry will face in the future.”

Beverage currently serves as the chief of staff, senior vice president and director of government relations for the OBA. In this role, he tracks active legislation, prepares testimony and develops grassroots advocacy processes for the association.

“I am excited and humbled to be granted the opportunity to lead the Oklahoma Bankers Association,” Adrian Beverage said. “I look forward to working with banks across our state to strengthen an industry that is vital to the success of all Oklahomans.”

Adrian Beverage has served in his current role since 2000 and will succeed Roger Beverage, who has been president and CEO since joining OBA in March 1988.

“I have worked alongside Adrian for more than 20 years and I cannot think of anyone more qualified for this position,” said Roger Beverage, president and CEO of the OBA. “His experience with research and lobbying for our industry is unparalleled and we will work together these next few months to ensure a seamless transition for the OBA and its members.”

Roger Beverage will continue to lead the Oklahoma Bankers Association through April 2021 to ensure a successful transition for his successor and the organization.

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