



Jones To Retire As President/CEO At First National Bank & Trust

LONDON – Randell Brewer, Chairman of the Board of Directors at First National Bank & Trust, today announced that bank President and Chief Executive Officer Robert D. Jones will retire, effective September 30, 2017. Jones' retirement brings to an end his 11 years at the London-based bank.

A native of Laurel County, Jones is a graduate of Hazel Green School and earned his degree in Mathematics from Sue Bennett Junior College. Upon completion of his studies there, Jones served as a Data Analysis Specialist in the United States Army for two years.

He began his finance career by serving as the Branch Manager of Credit Thrift of America, prior to beginning work with London Bank & Trust. Over the course of the next 18 years, he served in various capacities including Consumer Credit Officer, Executive Vice President and member of the Board of Directors. During his tenure at

London Bank & Trust, Jones earned a degree in Accounting from Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, and also completed studies at both the Kentucky School of Banking, conducted at the University of Kentucky and the Graduate School of Banking of the South, held at Louisiana State University.

National City Bank acquired London Bank & Trust in 1995, and Jones eventually was named President and Board Chairman for National City Bank's Southeastern Community Bank. He retired from National City Bank in 2005, but quickly discovered a restlessness to return to banking. He joined Whitaker Bank Corporation as a Lender prior to being named President and CEO at First National Bank & Trust in July, 2006.

Throughout his banking career, Jones has been active in a host of civic and economic development organizations. He is a past President of the London/Laurel County Chamber of Commerce and a past President of the London Rotary Club.

Jones, and his wife, Toni, have three sons: Kevin, Jerry and John along with five grandchildren. They attend Faith Assembly of God Church.

Brewer also said the bank would host a Retirement Reception for Jones on Tuesday, September 26, from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. The reception will be held in the first floor lobby of the bank's Main Office on Main Street in London.

"The past 11 years have been an era of great accomplishment at First National Bank & Trust," Brewer said. "Bob's leadership and vision for this bank have been exceptional and we are well-positioned for continued success. I invite his friends and our customers across the area to join us for Bob's reception as we honor him for a job well-done."

Brewer also said that an announcement is forthcoming regarding Jones' successor and that the bank's Presidency transition "will be seamless" as we move forward.