



Community Bankers Association of Ohio Announces Promotion of Aza Bittinger Jr. to President and Chief Executive Officer

Columbus, OH, May 24, 2022 – The Community Bankers Association of Ohio (CBAO) is pleased to announce the promotion of Aza Bittinger Jr. from President and Chief Operating Officer to President and Chief Executive Officer effective July 1, 2022.

Mr. Bittinger joined CBAO in 2015, bringing over 18 years of banking and management experience. He has had a growing role in guiding the association over the past 7 years, working to innovate and further develop CBAO's support and representation of community banks across Ohio. He will continue to lead the Association and CBAO's daily operations including overseeing its subsidiary companies, managing membership programs, strengthening its services and offerings, and directing the CBAO team.

"On behalf of the Board of Directors, we are excited to announce Aza as our new President and CEO!" said Tracey Craig, CBAO Chairman and the President and Chief Executive Officer of Woodsfield Savings Bank. "His strong work ethic and knowledge of the industry will help advance CBAO's core values. Aza's vision, innovation and leadership will continue to grow the Association and lead the industry."

"It is an honor to serve the Ohio community banking industry as President and CEO of CBAO," Bittinger said. "As an association, Ohio community banks stand stronger together. We look forward to a bright future as we continue to passionately share the community banking story and build industry-leading resources for our members and stakeholders."

Mr. Bittinger has many years of banking experience specializing in retail and small business development. Aza graduated from The Ohio State University with a Bachelor of Arts in Communication. He enjoys serving in his community and the industry. Locally he served as past president and current member of the Rotary Club of Westerville and previously served as the race director for the Rotary Honors Veterans 5K Walk/Run for five years. In the industry, he currently serves on the Board of Regents at the Barret Graduate school of banking in Memphis, Tennessee, and will be serving on the Board of Directors for ICBA Securities. He lives in Columbus, Ohio with his wife, Stacey, and two teenage daughters. He enjoys rooting for the Buckeyes during football season, golfing when the weather is favorable, and running.

About CBAO

The Community Bankers Association of Ohio (CBAO) is the financial trade association exclusively representing Ohio's community bank and thrift institutions. The Community Bankers Association of Ohio (CBAO) is organized to establish and maintain an informed network of independent community banks in the state of Ohio that will have the influence and commitment to effectively serve, protect and promote the interests of its members.

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