



Blake Monson Graduates from MBA Banking Leadership Missouri Program

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – Blake Monson, SVP, Chief of Staff with First Bank of the Lake, Osage Beach, Missouri, graduated from the Missouri Banker’s Association’s Banking Leadership Missouri program during the organization’s 133rd Annual Convention held June 13-16 at the Chateau on the Lake Resort in Branson.

Monson was among 23 bankers throughout Missouri who completed MBA’s 12-month leadership development program designed to actively enhance the leadership, organizational and performance skills of highly motivated mid-to-upper-level bankers. Courses focused on emerging bank issues, government relations, ethics, leadership styles, workplace culture and communications. Banking Leadership Missouri establishes a network of future bank leaders who can respond to local and national issues affecting the banking industry and their communities.

“Through Banking Leadership Missouri, Blake Monson developed a deeper understanding of the issues affecting the banking industry,” said Jackson Hataway, MBA president and CEO. “Blake is a leader in his community, and he is among the next leaders in his bank and our association.”

Monson joined First Bank of the Lake in December 2020 and has over 11 years of banking experience. In January 2023, Monson was promoted to Senior Vice President, Chief Compliance Officer and Risk Manager and in July 2023, promoted to Senior Vice President, Chief of Staff. During his career, he served in several positions including Compliance Officer, Home Mortgage Disclosure Act (HMDA) Officer and Risk Management Analyst. Monson graduated from the University of Missouri with a B.S. in Business Administration with an emphasis in Finance and Banking as well as a certification in Risk Management in 2016. In November 2018, the American Bankers Association awarded Monson the Certified Regulatory Compliance Manager (CRCM) professional designation. The CRCM certification is a highly respected and recognized certification for a banking compliance professional. The CRCM certification is a valued credential because of the difficulty to obtain the designation.

“We are excited that Blake was able to participate in this important program. Blake is an exceptional leader and represents all that we try to be here at First Bank of the Lake. His active participation in the MBA has helped him become a stronger banker and our bank a better financial institution,” stated Anderson, First Bank of the Lake President & CEO. “Blake is highly motivated, focused on key strategic decisions and engaged on all fronts to grow as a professional and help guide our bank through an incredibly complex environment.”

Monson’s office is located at the Osage Beach Banking Center at 4558 Osage Beach Parkway, Suite 100 in Osage Beach, Missouri. He can be reached by email at bmonson@fblake.bank or by phone at 573.614.7718.

The Missouri Bankers Association is a statewide trade and professional organization in Jefferson City that represents the interests of nearly 225 banks and savings and loans in Missouri. MBA serves as the principal advocate for the Missouri banking community and provides educational opportunities, products and services that assist bankers with enhancing their banking operations. For more information, visit mobankers.com or follow MBA on Twitter [@mobakers](https://twitter.com/mobakers).

About First Bank of the Lake

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