



Elise Petras-Roper joins First Bank of the Lake

Annemarie Murphy, Executive Vice President, President of SBA Lending at First Bank of the Lake announced today that **Elise Petras-Roper** has joined its Small Business Administration (SBA) Lending team as a Vice President, SBA & USDA Senior Business Development Officer. In this role, Roper will be responsible for growing the bank's assets by originating SBA & USDA loans nationwide in the Commercial Real Estate arena.

Roper joined First Bank of the Lake's USDA & SBA team in January 2023. She has over 32 years of commercial banking experience and has spent the last 25 years specializing in government guaranteed lending. During her career in government guaranteed lending, she originated and funded over \$200 million in SBA & USDA loans nationally. Her background includes serving as the Corporate Secretary for a bank in Birmingham, Alabama, where she directed the largest private transaction in the history of the state of Alabama at that time. "Elise's extensive knowledge and proven track record is an asset to First Bank of the Lake.," stated Murphy. "We're excited Elise is part of the team. Her years of experience in both SBA and USDA lending will help us increase our lending presence nationwide."

Roper attended the University of California, Los Angeles and the University of Alabama, Birmingham with a focus on Business Management. She is a member of National Association of Government Guaranteed Lenders (NAAGL), a member of Asian American Hotel Owner Association (AAHOA) and active in Commercial Real Estate Women (CREW). "As an SBA lender, I love working with small businesses who inspire me with their hard work, determination and perseverance," stated Roper. "I thrive on serving others and I love helping businesses reach the 'next level' and succeed". Roper is located in Birmingham, Alabama. She can be reached at 205.910.4079 or by email at eroper@fblake.bank.

About First Bank of the Lake

First Bank of the Lake, headquartered in Osage Beach, Missouri, has been meeting the financial needs of individuals and businesses for over 36 years. First Bank of the Lake provides a full range of deposit products and services, along with consumer, residential mortgage, and commercial lending. The Bank is also an SBA lender throughout the United States. For more information about First Bank of the Lake, please visit our website at FBLake.Bank.

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