



Corky Strode joins First Bank of the Lake

Annemarie Murphy, Executive Vice President, President of SBA Lending at First Bank of the Lake announced today that **Corky Strode** has joined its Small Business Administration (SBA) Lending team as Vice President, SBA & USDA Business Development Officer. In this role Strode will be responsible for creating SBA and USDA loan opportunities for under-served markets.

Strode joined First Bank of the Lake's SBA team in October 2021. He has over 28 years of financial experience, 12 years as an accounting manager and over 16 years in banking, with the past 5 years focused on government guaranteed lending. "We are excited Corky has joined our team," stated Murphy. "As we increase our lending presence nationwide, we continue to recruit top talent that align with our plan for continued growth. Corky is respected in the industry and brings proven success. His deep knowledge and expertise in the industry is an asset to First Bank of the Lake."

Strode earned a bachelor's degree in Accounting from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock in 1993 and passed the CPA exam in 1995. He currently sits on the Arkansas loan committee for RMI Inc, which is the largest CDC in his region. Strode also volunteers with the Arkansas Small Business and Technology Development Center by instructing classes on starting and financing small businesses. He is also a member of the Little Rock Touchdown Club. Corky is an avid outdoorsman, real estate investor, football fanatic, and an Arkansas Razorback and Green Bay Packers' fan.

"In my role as an SBA and USDA Business Development Officer, I am a resource for CPAs, business brokers, loan brokers and fellow bankers who have clients in need of funding to help them grow, start or acquire a business," stated Strode. "I will utilize my years of experience working with small businesses, to develop lending solutions that address the opportunities and challenges my clients face." Strode is located in Little Rock, Arkansas. He can be reached at 501.993.5245 or by email at cstrode@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 35 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.