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Tupelo banker elected Chairman of Mississippi Bankers Association

JACKSON – E. Robinson McGraw of Tupelo has been elected chairman of the Mississippi Bankers Association for 2009-2010.

McGraw will lead the MBA Board of Directors, which governs the 120-year-old association. MBA's membership includes 103 commercial banks and savings institutions, representing 99 percent of the bank deposits in Mississippi.

McGraw is Chairman of the Board, President and CEO of Tupelo-based Renasant Corporation and Renasant Bank, where he has served for 35 years.

McGraw previously served as vice chairman and treasurer, and before that, served a term on the MBA Board of Directors. He is a past Chairman of both the MBA Legislative and MBA Trust committees. He is a past member of the Association's Personnel Committee, Bank Lawyers Committee and Bank Insurance Committee.



McGraw earned a bachelor's degree in banking and finance from the University of Mississippi, and earned a Juris Doctorate from the University of Mississippi School of Law. He also furthered his banking education by completing the National Graduate Trust School.

Active on the national banking level, McGraw is a member of the American Bankers Association's Government Relations Council. He also served on the American Institute of Banking Board of Directors.

McGraw is active in many community activities. He is Chairman of the Board of Directors of North Mississippi Medical Center; a member of the Board of Directors of North Mississippi Health Services; the Mississippi Economic Council Board of Governors; a member of the board of directors and past Chairman of the Community Development Foundation, and is past President of the Tupelo Kiwanis Club. He serves on the Boy Scouts of America Executive Committee and Board of Directors. He is a member of the CREATE Foundation Board of Directors, and is a member of both the Lee County and the American Bar Associations. McGraw is a past Board Member of the Boys and Girls Club of Lee County and the Tupelo Artist Guild.

McGraw and his wife, Mimi, have two children and two grandchildren. They attend First United Methodist Church, where McGraw is a past Treasurer and a member of the Administrative Board and the Finance Committee.

Cutline: Bill Sones, left, outgoing chairman, passes the gavel to E. Robinson McGraw, right, incoming chairman, at the MBA Annual Convention.