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Jackson County banker elected to MBA Board of Directors

JACKSON – Paul Thompson Jr. of Pascagoula has been elected to a 3-year term on the Mississippi Bankers Association Board of Directors.

Thompson will represent his area of the state on the Board, 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.

Thompson is executive vice president at Pascagoula-based Merchants & Marine Bank, where he has worked for 12 years. Prior to reaching his current position, he served as vice president from 1997-1999 and as senior vice president from 1999-2003.



Active in the Association, Thompson has been a member of the MBA Lending Committee and a Mississippi Young Bankers County Chairman. He was named MYB County Chairperson of the Year in 2000 for his outstanding work with consumer financial education.

Thompson attended Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College and the University of Southern Mississippi. He furthered his banking education by completing the Mississippi School of Banking and the Graduate School of Banking at Louisiana State University.

Thompson is very involved in the United Way of Jackson and George Counties, serving as a board member for eight years, Campaign Chairman in 2005 and Leadership Campaign Chairman in 1996. A past chairman of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, he has also served as treasurer for two terms and a board member for 11 years. Thompson is a board member of Rebuild Jackson County, and serves as chairman of the Strategic Planning Committee of Resurrection Catholic School for 2005-2010. He is also active in the Young Men's Business Club, Southeast Mississippi Home Builders Association, the Public Relations Association of Mississippi, the Knights of Columbus, the Pascagoula Country Club and the Singing River Yacht Club.

Thompson and his wife, Laura, have two adult children, Paul III and Christina. They are members of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Pascagoula.