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Adelman Named New Ohio Bankers League CEO Effective 2014

Columbus, Ohio The Ohio Bankers League has announced it selected Michael Adelman to be its chief executive officer starting in 2014. On Jan. 1, 2013 he will become executive vice president and chief operating officer and begin a year of leadership transition under current president Michael Van Buskirk. Van Buskirk will retire at the end of 2013, after 22 years of leading the association.

Van Buskirk observed, "Ohioans and their traditional banks have suffered severe damage from an obsolete regulatory structure that failed to detect and prevent widespread abuse by bad actors. Congress still has had done little to solve that problem. The OBL must serve an important public policy role federally and in Ohio to help construct a real safety net that will prevent abuse and allow the state's FDIC insured banks to effectively and efficiently play their role as a financial catalyst of the state's economic recovery. Mike Adelman's professional background has prepared him very well to head that effort."

"I have thoroughly enjoyed working with dedicated bankers during my career and look forward to a larger role in helping them serve their customers and communities. The OBL has a talented professional staff embarking on exciting initiatives that will seize tremendous opportunities for banks and thrifts across our state," Adelman said.

Adelman has served Ohio's banking industry nine years as vice president of state government relations. In this capacity he has been the industry's point person with the Ohio legislative and executive officials to ensure Ohio can be a healthy environment for bank employment and investment. He is also spearheading the association's initiative to involve and empower future industry leaders. Specifically, he has developed the Next Generation Advisory Board, a group of 19 young banking professionals, nominated by the state's banks. The group conducts research and develops recommendations for the OBL Board of Directors. Areas of emphasis include identifying and recruiting Ohio's best young talent for careers in banking and developing bankers to be effective leaders in their communities.

Before joining the OBL Adelman served in a number of budget and policy leadership positions in state government. He received his Master in Public Administration and Bachelor of Arts degrees from Ohio University. He is also a graduate of the Graduate School of Banking at the University of Wisconsin.

Adelman is a trustee of the Community Capital Development Corp., a member of the advisory committee of Ohio University's Voinovich Center for Leadership & Public Affairs, and an advisor to Ohio United Way.

He lives in Columbus with his wife and three daughters.