

Threadgill Elected to Mississippi Bankers Association

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Officials at BancorpSouth, Inc. , a \$13.2 billion asset financial holding company headquartered in Tupelo, announced this week that James Threadgill, Jr. of Tupelo has been elected to a 3-year term on the Mississippi Bankers Association Board of Directors.

He will represent his area of the state on the Board, which governs the 121-year-old association. MBA's membership includes 100 commercial banks and savings institutions, representing 99 percent of the bank deposits in Mississippi.

Threadgill currently serves as vice chairman at BancorpSouth and has been with the bank for 23 years. Before joining BancorpSouth, he worked with the Mississippi Department of Economic Development and the United States Senate Judiciary Committee. Threadgill has senior management responsibilities for BancorpSouth's insurance, investments, mortgage and asset management and trust.

"We are proud of the leadership that James will provide during his tenure on the board," said Aubrey Patterson, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of BancorpSouth. "His years of management experience and leadership in banking and financial services will prove to be a valuable resource for Mississippi's banking community."

Threadgill is a 1977 graduate of the University of Mississippi with a bachelor's degree in business administration, and he is also a graduate of the American Bankers Association's National Commercial Lending School at the University of Oklahoma.

He is a past president of the United Way of Northeast Mississippi, and has also served as campaign chairman. He also serves on the board of directors of the Public Education Forum, the Mississippi Museum of Art and the Board of Trustees of the Nature Conservancy.

He is a member of the board of directors of the Boy Scouts of America, and for the past three years has served as chairman of the Friends of Scouting. Threadgill is married to the former Carol Palmer of Forest and they have two sons.

BancorpSouth, Inc. is a financial holding company headquartered in Tupelo, Mississippi, with approximately \$13.2 billion in assets. BancorpSouth Bank, a wholly-owned subsidiary of BancorpSouth, Inc., operates approximately 314 commercial banking, mortgage, insurance, trust and broker/dealer locations in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Tennessee and Texas. BancorpSouth Bank also operates an insurance location in Illinois. BancorpSouth's common stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol BXS.

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