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## Austin Bank Promotes Bass to Senior EVP

Austin Bank vice chairman Jeff Austin III recently announced the promotion



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of **Glenn Bass** to senior executive vice president. He has overall responsibility for the Jacksonville, TX-based bank's central operations and technology. He was also elected

as advisory director to the bank's board and will serve on the bank's executive committee.

Bass, with over 33 years bank management experience, joined Austin Bank in August 2000 as senior vice president for technology, centralized customer service, telephone care center, facilities, and security, all based in Longview at 3400 W. Marshall, where he offices.

He earned both BBA and MBA degrees from The University of Texas at Tyler and is a graduate of the University of MI Graduate School of Bank Management ■

## Arkansas Bankers' Bank, FNBB Plan to Merge

The boards of directors of First National Bankers Bankshares, Inc., Bates-Rouge and Peoples Bankers Bancorporation, Inc. (First-Nat) have announced a reorganization of the two holding companies, subject to ABB Inc.'s shareholders' approval. Joe Quinlan Jr., chairman, trustee CEO of First National and James H. Thompson, president, CEO of Arkansas Bankers, jointly made the announcement.

First National Bankers is a multi-bank holding company that owns bankers banks in LA, MS, and AL. Arkansas Bankers Bank (ABB) would become the fourth addition to the regional banking group. Each bankers bank is locally operated with its own board of directors. The holding company, after the merger, will report about \$710 million in assets.

Arkansas Bankers' Bank serves the banking needs of all financial institutions, mostly in AR. The \$160 million asset bank, with 20 employees and 83 bank owners, was chartered in 1990 &

## Independent Bankers Association TX to Meet

The Independent Bankers Association of Texas has announced its 34th annual convention is set for September 30-23 at the Hyatt Regency Lost Pines Resort in Bastrop, TX. This year's fare will offer seven keynote presentations by prominent professionals and industry officials, 24 "learning lab" offerings, and two evening soirees.

The activities kick off on Friday afternoon, September 25 with a golf tournament. The 7th annual education luncheon keynote gala is planned for Sunday evening.

The first evening session on Wednesday will feature an address by Richard W. Fisher, Dallas Fed president/CEO, and a presentation on the challenging credit environment in 2009 by Marshall J. Reynolds. Additional activities include a high performance leadership facilitated by Ed Ross of The Bank Group. The 2008 award-winning authors round out the luncheon.

The general session on Tuesday features an CRM Update by Cynthia L. Blackwell, CMAA chairman and