

# PRESS RELEASE

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## Austin Bank Kilgore Employee Receives Certification

Mike Simpson, Treasury Management Officer with Austin Bank, was recently awarded the Accredited ACH Professional (AAP) designation.

The AAP is a professional accreditation conferred by NACHA (National Automated Clearinghouse Association), and it designates those individuals who are nationally recognized experts in the ACH industry. It establishes a professional standard based on best practices and on recognized procedures developed by NACHA and the Regional Payments Associations.

To be accredited, the AAP must have a thorough knowledge of the ACH Rule Book and of the various Federal laws that govern its operation and must achieve a passing score on the AAP exam.

“Mike is a true professional who is an integral member of the Austin Bank team,” said Vice Chairman Jeff Austin, III. “His conscientious work within the Treasury Management department, his bilingual skills as well as his most recent achievement, are valuable assets to the bank.”

Simpson became a part of the Austin Bank team in February 2008 when City National Bank merged with Austin Bank. At that time, he had been working as a Personal Banker at City National since December 2004. He now works from the Austin Bank Kilgore location supporting the bank’s Treasury Management products, services and customers.

Simpson is a graduate of the Alliance Academy in Quito, Ecuador, South America and LeTourneau University with a Bachelor’s of Business Administration. Simpson is also a recipient of the 2008 Austin Bank Commitment to Community Award which recognized his volunteer work with Junior Achievement of East Texas. He is a Command Spanish instructor at the Kilgore College Workforce Development Department and member of Kilgore Chamber of Commerce.

Simpson and his wife, Kristi, have five children, Wesley, Halé, Emma, Nathan and Evie.

Austin Bank is a community bank with more than \$1 Billion in assets. Headquartered in Jacksonville, Austin Bank serves the needs of East Texas families and businesses in 28 locations, 18 cities and nine counties. Austin Bank is locally owned and operated by the Austin Family who is celebrating 100 years of serving the banking industry. More information about Austin Bank can be found on the bank’s website at [www.austinbank.com](http://www.austinbank.com).



**Mike Simpson**