

PRESS RELEASE

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Austin Bank Names Debbie Braune New CRA Officer

Jeff Austin, III, Vice Chairman of the Board, recently announced that Debbie Braune has been named the new Vice President / CRA (Community Reinvestment Act) Officer.

“Debbie is a true professional who is an integral member of the Austin Bank team,” said Jeff Austin, III. “She has worked conscientiously within the Loan Department and served her Jacksonville customers well.”

Braune has been a Loan Officer in the Austin Bank Jacksonville Downtown office since 1997. In her new position, she will work as a CRA Internal Auditor and monitor the Bank’s lending operations from the Austin Bank Whitehouse office.

“Debbie Braune has been a valuable part of the Jacksonville Downtown location team. She brings 17 years of banking experience to her new position as an internal auditor,” commented Nathan Jones, Regional President. “We will miss her in Jacksonville, but are excited about her new opportunity at Austin Bank.”

“Debbie will be missed at the Jacksonville office. However, her attention to detail and experience from working as a lender, and in the credit department, will be a great asset to the Bank in her new role as the CRA officer,” said Retail Market Manager Lisa McCoy.

Braune joined Austin Bank in September 1991 working in Bookkeeping, as a Teller, and then in the Credit Department prior to moving to the Loan Department. A graduate from Eastern Illinois University with a Bachelor of Science degree, she has completed numerous banking courses.

Braune and her husband, Ray, have two daughters, Cerise and Kira. A long-time resident of Jacksonville, Braune is a past member of the Career Women’s Civic Club, and active member of both the Rotary Club and the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce.

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.



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