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Three bankers lauded for commitment to community during CBA legislative luncheon

DENVER - The Colorado Bankers Association recognized three bankers for their commitment to community. The trio received the awards during CBA's annual legislative luncheon, an event intended to provide bankers with opportunities to educate themselves on key issues and to interface directly with lawmakers.

The association on an annual basis awards the Banker of Distinction award to representatives of the industry who embody the importance of the community banking spirit by being involved in and dedicated to activities vital to the health of local institutions and people. The awardees are nominated by their peers. (Bios attached.)

The 2015 Bankers of Distinction are:

Don Tomoi, Bank of Colorado
Danielle Vaughan, FirstBank
Lonnie Parsons, ANB Bank

Lastly, during Wednesday's luncheon, State Representative Dan Nordberg won a \$1,000 prize – which comes in the form of a charitable contribution – for answering the most questions correctly during a drawing as part of the organization's annual legislative event. CBA has awarded a prize to public officials in this manner since 2007.

The contest works this way:

1. Legislators/public officials answer a series of multiple choice questions on a topic of interest to banking.
2. The response card with the most correct answers is named the winner.
3. If there is more than one card with the top number of correct answers, those cards are entered into a drawing, and the winner is randomly selected.
4. CBA makes the donation directly to the winner's desired charity; he or she never has access to those winnings.

Previous winners of the contest include:

State Representative Perry Buck

State Representative Diane Mitsch-Busch

Former state Rep. Joe Rice – Colorado Veteran's Monument Trust

Susan Kirkpatrick (DOLA) – Habitat for Humanity

Former Rep Mike Merrifield – The Colorado Department of Education

Former state Rep. Laura Bradford – The House

Sen. Nancy Todd – Aurora Youth 4 Success

About the Colorado Bankers Association

The Colorado Bankers Association represents more than 90 percent of the 148 banks in Colorado, which have \$116 billion in assets, 1,600 branches, and 23,000 proud professionals. CBA advocates for Colorado banks of all sizes and charter types before governmental bodies and the public to continually promote and improve the banking industry amid challenge and a changing environment. CBA proactively seeks to increase benefits for bank customers, improve value for shareholders, and grow a stronger business climate for banks and our local economies. CBA supplements its effective advocacy with superior industry-specific information and education for bankers, and various high-quality products and services. CBA focuses on creating a stronger economy and helping Coloradans realize dreams by building better banks.