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Cindy Griffin, Tommy Clark and Linda Durden Join PFB Team Bank Expanding Presence to Albany



ALBANY, GA (August 30, 2017) – Planters First Bank (“PFB”), announced today that Cindy Griffin, Tommy Clark and Linda Durden have joined PFB’s team for its initial expansion into Albany. Griffin will serve as Regional President, Clark as Market President and Durden as Administrative Assistant. Griffin, Clark and Durden were most recently with the Albany office of Renasant Bank, a regional bank headquartered in Tupelo, Mississippi.

Commenting on the announcement, Heath Fountain, President and CEO of PFB, stated “I am thrilled for PFB to be in my home town and I am excited that Cindy, Tommy and Linda are going to be leading our efforts here. This is hands down the premier banking team in Albany.”

Fountain continued, “Our solutions based approach is a unique proposition in banking today. We are larger than most community banks, but much smaller than the regional and national banks. This advantage allows us to provide custom solutions to help our customers achieve their dreams.”

Fountain is an Albany native and resident. He has served as President and CEO of PFB since July 2015. Prior to that, he served as Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Administrative Officer of Albany, Georgia based HeritageBank of the South.

Griffin is a veteran banker with 33 years of experience. She specializes in providing financial solutions and a high level of service to businesses, their owners and professionals. She is married to Dexter Griffin. They have three daughters, Nichole Griffin, Laura Finney and Heather Keperling, and 2 grandchildren.

Clark has 15 years of banking experience. He has been involved in leadership roles in numerous community organizations including the Albany-Dougherty Economic Development Commission, South Georgia Council of the Boy Scouts of America and Girls, Inc. He is a Past Chairman of the Albany Area Chamber of Commerce. He currently serves on the board of the Albany Civil Rights Institute. He is married to Dana Baldwin Clark and they have a son, Collins.

Durden has 35 years of banking experience. She has served in numerous operational, training and support roles during her career. She is married to Andy Durden. They have 2 sons, Matt and Drew.

The Bank's initial office in Albany is located at 110 N. Westover Boulevard. The Bank also has offices in Macon, Warner Robins, Perry, Hawkinsville, Cordele, Pineview, Fitzgerald and Ocilla, as well as a mortgage office in Athens.

About PFB

PFB is focused on providing solutions you can bank on. We are a closely-held community bank serving Middle and South Georgia through 9 banking locations and a full-service website at www.bankPFB.com. The Bank also helps our customers achieve their goal of home ownership through PFB Mortgage, serving all of Georgia through offices in Athens, Macon and Warner Robins. Founded in 1896, PFB is the 8th oldest financial institution in Georgia. As of June 30, 2017, PFB reported total assets of \$299.7 million and total equity of \$26.9 million. Follow us on Twitter @bankPFB and on Facebook @PlantersFirstBank.

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