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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Legence Bank Welcomes New Advisory Board Member**

Eldorado, IL – **DR. CAREY HARBISON**, owner and veterinarian, **Harrisburg Veterinary Clinic**, was appointed advisory board member for **LEGENCE BANK**. The announcement was made during the annual meeting in Eldorado, IL on April 18, 2016. As an advisory board member, Harbison will play a critical role in providing advice on policy decisions, and the Bank's overall operations.

"This new addition to the Legence Bank Board shows the importance we place on identifying and securing the best talent available to serve our shareholders, customers and communities. We are very fortunate to have diverse experienced business and community leaders that embody the spirit of community while bringing creativity, energy and new ideas for the development of community banking to the table. His guidance will help Legence Bank continue to be a reliable partner in our community as we continuously strive to strengthen the markets we serve," Kevin Beckemeyer, President and CEO.



Dr. Harbison, who has 29 years' experience in Veterinary Medicine, founded Town & Country Veterinary Clinic in 1987, located in McLeansboro with his partner, Dr. Pat York and then he founded the Harrisburg Veterinary Clinic in 1993. He started his career at the Gallatin County Vet Service. Dr. Harbison served on the Saline County Board as chairman from 2010-2013, in addition to coaching basketball in the Eldorado school system for 14 years, along with being a member of the Harrisburg United Methodist Church. He is a member of the following boards; Eldorado Youth Athletics, Southeast Regional Planning Commission, and the Egyptian Health Board. In addition to these many accomplishments and contributions to the community, he taught veterinary tech classes at SICCU for three years.

Dr. Harbison earned an Associate's Degree from Southeastern Illinois College, Bachelor of Science and a Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine from the University of Illinois, where he was

actively involved with Sigma Nu Fraternity. He currently resides on a farm in Raleigh, IL with his wife Brooke and daughter Emma Tess, where he raises Hereford cattle with his mother Connie and brother Chris. He is the son of Connie Harbison and the late Ray Harbison, and the father of two sons Ryan and Kyle, along with another daughter, Megan and five grandchildren.

### **Legence Bank**

The Bank's board, management and staff are excited about the future and our strong growth prospects. With over a century of history and a legacy of caring, personal service, Legence Bank is forging ahead into the future, continuing its strategic goal of providing the communities it serves with a premier financial institution and state of the art technology and conveniences, while remaining independently owned and committed to our most valuable asset: our customers. For more information, visit [www.legencebank.com](http://www.legencebank.com).

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