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**FIRST GUARANTY BANK WELCOMES NEW CHIEF CREDIT
OFFICER, MATTHEW WISE**

Hammond, LA, March 1, 2021 —First Guaranty Bank is proud to welcome Matthew Wise as Chief Credit Officer. Wise is from Minden, Louisiana and attended Louisiana State University for both his Bachelor's degree in which he graduated as Cum Laude in Economics and his Master's degree in Finance. He joins First Guaranty Bank with 19 years of banking experience, most recently serving as a Credit Process Manager for Regions Bank and with two Army Commendation Medals after serving as a Captain from 1994-1999.

“It’s a great honor and joy for me to be joining the FGB team. I really appreciate our focus on supporting our local communities and building those relationships,” said Wise. “I look forward to strengthening our credit team’s continued support of FGB’s strong growth while improving our risk culture and credit metrics.”

First Guaranty Bank CEO, Alton Lewis, says, “First Guaranty Bank is proud to announce that Matthew Wise has become a member of the Best Small Bank in the United States. Matt has a great background with leadership positions in the U.S. Army, private business, and regional banking. He has extensive experience in financial and credit analysis. Matt will help elevate First Guaranty Bank to a higher level.”

About First Guaranty Bank

First Guaranty Bank is a Louisiana state-chartered bank. Founded in 1934, First Guaranty Bank offers a wide range of financial services and focuses on building client relationships and providing exceptional customer service. First Guaranty Bank currently operates thirty-four branches in Louisiana and Texas. The Company’s common stock trades on the NASDAQ under the symbol FGBI. For more information, visit www.fgb.net.