



John Hagy recognized among 'Top 10 Payments Lawyers' by 'Paybefore'

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SIOUX FALLS, S.D., March 3, 2015 /PRNewswire/ -- John Hagy, Senior Vice President and Chief Legal Officer of MetaBank, was recognized among the "Top 10 Payments Lawyers" in the industry by *Paybefore* at the 2015 All Payments Expo (APEX) Conference held in Las Vegas, Nev. *Paybefore* is an online and printed publication subscription news service that is the leading provider of information to the prepaid, mobile and emerging-payments industry.

"We are very proud of John and his designation," said J. Tyler Haahr, Chairman of the Board and CEO of MetaBank. "John has been an asset to Meta, navigating our business through some very complex and challenging regulatory times. John is recognized in his field as a leader specializing in regulatory and compliance issues and his extensive legal experience in the prepaid and financial services industry has served us well."

John has been with Meta since 2006 and has more than 25 years of legal, regulatory and compliance experience within the credit and prepaid-card industry.

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