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Amy Stone Joins Midwest BankCentre's Legal Board of Directors

ST. LOUIS (July 20, 2021) – **Amy Stone**, co-founder and president of **Fourthstone LLC**, has been elected to the **Midwest BankCentre** legal board of directors.



Stone leads Fourthstone LLC, an SEC-registered investment advisor to private financial sector funds, where she is responsible for investor relations, business development and non-trade operations. Stone previously served as the firm's chief compliance officer. Fourthstone's funds have been ranked in the top 10 long/short equity funds in the world out of 5,000+ funds by Prequin for three-year net return and as a top performing financial sector fund by BarclayHedge for net return over multiple years.

Prior to co-founding Fourthstone in 2013, Stone was vice president of strategy and chief marketing officer at Save-A-Lot, a \$4.8 billion retail food store chain, supporting 1,300 retail locations. A seasoned international executive with experience working on five continents, she previously led a \$500 million global performance improvement program for BP based in London and was responsible for implementing Lean Six Sigma at the firm.

From 2008-2011, she served on the board of Relief International UK, a non-profit delivering development programs in 15 countries.

Stone earned her bachelor's degree in international politics and economics at Middlebury College in Middlebury, Vt., and completed the Finance for Executives program at Northwestern University Kellogg School of Management.

Midwest BankCentre's current assets exceed \$2 billion and deposits total more than \$1.5 billion. A mainstay of the greater St. Louis community banking scene since 1906, the

bank employs a staff of about 280 working at 18 bank locations in the City of St. Louis, St. Louis, Jefferson and St. Charles counties in Missouri and St. Clair County in Illinois. It works to empower people, enable business and energize neighborhoods through the strength of its financial services, including personalized consumer and business banking, business cash management, mortgage lending, home equity loans, financial planning and investments, insurance and digital banking.

The bank is a local leader in the St. Louis Regional Financial Empowerment Coalition (formerly the St. Louis Regional Unbanked Task Force) and its Bank-On Save-Up St. Louis initiative. Since 2001, Midwest BankCentre has consecutively achieved the Bauer Financial 5-Star Superior financial rating each quarter. It has been recognized for its success in bringing mainstream financial services to unbanked and underbanked citizens in the region and other diversity and inclusion contributions with the 2019 Community Commitment Award from the American Bankers Association Foundation and the 2018 National Community Bank Service Award from the Independent Community Bankers of America®.

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