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Johnny S. Wang Joins Midwest BankCentre's Legal Board of Directors

ST. LOUIS (February 10, 2020) – **Johnny S. Wang**, a partner at **Stinson LLP**, has been elected to the **Midwest BankCentre** legal board of directors.

An attorney since 2005, Wang's legal practice focuses on employment and traditional labor issues. His experience as a litigator deepens his perspective of the opportunities and risks employers navigate to align human resources and business strategy as well as managing a unionized workforce. Wang's clients range from startups to multinational corporations across diverse industries.



In 2013, Wang co-founded the St. Louis Asian American Chamber of Commerce (AACC), which now exceeds 250 members. He also founded and chaired the Missouri Minority Counsel Program from 2012-2016. He was Stinson's 2016-2017 Fellow in the Leadership Council of Legal Diversity and a member of the FOCUS Leadership St. Louis Class 41.

Wang currently serves on the board for the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA) and as its alternate regional governor for the central U.S. He also serves as an officer for the board of FOCUS St. Louis and is vice president of the St. Louis County Library board of trustees.

Wang has been recognized with the *St. Louis Business Journal's* 40 Under 40 Award in 2020, NAPABA's 2019 Best under 40, the Missouri Asian-American Bar Association's 2018 Torch Bearer Award, the Royal Vagabond Foundation's 2018 Leadership Award, the St. Louis Diversity Job Fair's 2014 Spirit of Diversity Award, *Missouri Lawyers Weekly's* 2013 Up

and Coming Lawyers designation and the *St. Louis Business Journal's* 2012 Diverse Business Leaders Award.

Wang earned his bachelor's degree in political science and philosophy at the University of Missouri-Columbia. He graduated from Washington University's School of Law in 2005.

Midwest BankCentre, a mainstay of St. Louis community banking since 1906, employs a staff of about 280 working at 17 bank locations in the City of St. Louis and St. Louis, Jefferson and St. Charles counties. The bank 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. It ranks among St. Louis' largest locally owned banks with assets exceeding \$1.9 billion and deposits of \$1.4 billion.

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. For its success in bringing mainstream financial services to unbanked and underbanked citizens in the region and other diversity and inclusion contributions, it recently won the 2019 Community Commitment Award from the American Bankers Association Foundation. It was also the national winner of the 2018 National Community Bank Service Awards by the Independent Community Bankers of America®.

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