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## **STAR Bank bolsters its Mortgage team by adding six new loan officers**

**Fort Wayne, Ind.** (September 4, 2024) – STAR Bank has expanded with the addition of six experienced lenders to add to its mortgage team. Jill Daly, Cyndie Campbell, Ean Decker, Val Cesljarev, Ray Berger and Cortlin Simpson have all joined the staff in 2024.

“These additions to an already talented team cements STAR Financial Bank as the mortgage company of choice in our Indiana communities,” said James Gucinski, VP of Mortgage Banking. “We worked hard to add local experts who understand the needs of our various Indiana communities. It was important to add bankers to our team that live in the communities we serve.

“Adding this much experience to what we already had makes STAR the place to go for mortgage needs of any kind. STAR has been so supportive in allowing me to put this All-Star lineup in place, this puts us in a great position to serve our customers in northeast Indiana. It is truly remarkable,” said Gucinski.

Jill Daly works primarily out of Noblesville and serves STAR’s Fishers and downtown markets. A Butler University graduate, she brings nearly 20 years of mortgage banking experience. Daly has served many community organizations, including Our Lady of Lourdes Church and School, and through various community outreach programs.

Cyndie Campbell is working in Greenfield and will also cover markets on the northside of Indianapolis and New Castle. Campbell, who attended the University of Indianapolis, brings nearly 40 years of banking experience, the last 23 focusing on mortgage banking with Regions and BMO. She also specializes in physician financing.

Ean Decker will serve customers in Pendleton and Fishers. He brings a broad range of experience to STAR, most recently serving as a Mortgage Loan Originator at Howard Hanna. He currently has his Mortgage Loan Originators License and earned his bachelor’s degree in communications studies at IUPUI. Decker has volunteered for the United Way for the last five years.

Val Cesljarev will cover the eastside of Indianapolis. A graduate of Indiana University, Cesljarev has spent over 20 years in banking, most recently serving as a mortgage officer at Key Bank. He has volunteered for the Wheeler Mission in the past during Thanksgiving and Christmas. He has volunteered for organizations assisting children to learn to read and for the School for the Blind.

Ray Berger works from the Indianapolis Monument Circle location. Berger earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Indiana University, Kelley School of Business, and brings nearly 40 years of banking experience to STAR. He is active in serving the builder and realtor communities in Central Indiana and also spent 10 years serving Big Brothers Big Sisters as a Big Brother.

Cortlin Simpson will be located in Fort Wayne, where STAR is headquartered, and will cover the northside of the market for STAR. He earned his Bachelor of Science in Finance from Ball State University and has spent the last 10 years in banking with Lake City and most recently, PNC, where he was a branch manager and assistant vice president. Simpson also served the Big Brothers Big Sisters organization.

#### **About STAR Financial Bank**

**STAR Financial Bank**, headquartered in Fort Wayne, Indiana, is committed to delivering quality financial expertise and distinctive banking solutions to exceed customer expectations. In addition, STAR Private Advisory offers private banking, investment and fiduciary services. STAR has grown to nearly \$3 billion in assets with locations across central and northeast Indiana. For more information, visit [starfinancial.com](http://starfinancial.com).

**Note:** In all references to STAR, “STAR” should be in all caps, as the name STAR was derived from the first names of the early principals (Selah Wright, Thomas Marcuccilli, Arthur Hodson, and Ralph Marcuccilli).

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