

Midland States Bank Officer Receives Elite “CAMS” Anti-Money Laundering Credential

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EFFINGHAM, ILLINOIS – September 19, 2014 – Midland States Bank is proud to announce that Ruthann Nichols was recently awarded the widely recognized CAMS® credential by the Association of Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialists® (ACAMS®), the world’s leading organization of professionals in the anti-money laundering (AML) field.

“Midland is indeed fortunate to have Ruthann’s expertise as we strive to protect our customers and our industry from financial crimes,” said James Stewart, Senior Director-Risk Management. “Achieving her CAMS certification places Ruthann in an elite group of AML professionals with the essential knowledge and background required in this crucial and challenging field.”

Nichols began her banking career at Midland in 1979, progressing to positions of increasing responsibility over the 35 years. She is currently Midland’s Bank Secrecy Act, Anti-Money Laundering and Identify Theft Protection Program Officer. This includes financial crime investigation, fraud monitoring, suspicious activity review and bank personnel education on financial crime detection.

The CAMS (Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialist) designation is awarded to professionals who successfully complete a rigorous examination demonstrating their aptitude and expertise in anti-money laundering detection and enforcement. The examination covers money laundering and terrorist financing methods, as well as the best practices to stop these and other financial crimes. For more information on ACAMS®, visit <http://www.acams.org>.

About Midland States Bank

Midland States Bank is rated “5 Stars” by Bauer Financial, a rating reserved for only the strongest financial institutions in the U.S. Midland has assets of approximately \$1.8 billion and Midland Wealth Management has assets under administration of more than \$1.1 billion. Established in 1881 in Effingham, Illinois, Midland States Bank provides a full range of commercial and consumer banking products, trust and investment management, insurance, and financial planning services. As a community banking institution, Midland States Bank prides itself on establishing and maintaining relationships with its customers and is committed to serving the financial needs of the communities it serves. For additional information, visit <http://www.midlandsb.com>.

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