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**ETHICS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
CONFLICTS OF INTEREST – DECISIONS AND VOTING**
State Form 55880 (R / 10-15)
OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
IC 4-2-6-9

In accordance with IC 4-2-6-9, you must file your disclosure with the State Ethics Commission no later than seven (7) days after the conduct that gives rise to the conflict. You must also include a copy of the notification provided to your agency appointing authority and ethics officer when filing this disclosure. This disclosure will be posted on the Inspector General's website.

Name (last) Wojtowicz	Name (first) Jean	Name (middle) L.
Name of office or agency Department of Financial Institutions		Job title Board Member
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Office telephone number (317) 232-5841 (ethics officer's phone#)	Office e-mail address (required) gwilliams@dfi.in.gov (ethics officer's e-mail)	
Describe the conflict of interest:		
<p>First Merchants Bank ("First Merchants") filed an application with the Department of Financial Institutions to merge with IAB Financial Bank, Fort Wayne, Indiana pursuant to I.C. 28-1-7. First Merchants will survive the merger.</p>		
<p>Ms. Jean Wojtowicz serves on the board of directors of First Merchants and First Merchants Corporation, the sole shareholder of First Merchants, and is a Member of the DFI Board. Pursuant to IC 28-1-7, the merger of First Merchants and IAB Financial Bank must be approved by the Members of the DFI.</p>		
<p>The Members consist of seven individuals who are appointed by the Governor. The Director of the DFI serves as an ex officio voting member. The remaining Members consist of three persons of practical experience at the executive level of a state chartered bank; a state chartered savings association; or a state chartered savings bank; one Member is a person of practical experience at the executive level of a lender licensed under IC 24-4-5; one Member is a person of practical experience at the executive level of a state chartered credit union. The remaining Member represents the consumer, agricultural, industrial and commercial interests of the state.</p>		
<p>Ms. Wojtowicz's appointment as a Member of the DFI and her affiliation with First Merchants Bank and First Merchants Corporation creates a conflict of interest for Ms. Wojtowicz concerning the Members' voting of First Merchant's merger with IAB Financial Bank.</p>		

Describe the screen established by your ethics officer: (Attach additional pages as needed.)

The merger application is scheduled to go the Members on June 22, 2017, for a vote. The following screens are hereby established by the DFI's ethics officer.

1.) Ms. Wojtowicz will not discuss the merger application with any of the Members of the DFI prior to the meeting at which any decision or vote will be taken on the merger.

2.) Should Ms. Wojtowicz be in attendance at any Members' meeting in which a vote is to be taken on the merger application she will recuse herself from that part of the meeting during which the application is discussed or a vote is taken.

Attached is a copy of the e-mail Ms. Wojtowicz sent on May 11, 2017, to Director Tom Fite and Ethics Officer Gina Williams notifying them of the conflict of interest.

AFFIRMATION

Your signature below affirms that your disclosures on this form are true, complete, and correct to the best of your knowledge and belief. In addition to this form, you have attached a copy of your written disclosure to your agency appointing authority and ethics officer.

Signature of state officer, employee or special state appointee

Date signed (month, day, year)

Printed full name of state officer, employee or special state appointee

Jean L. Wojtowicz

5/17/17

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Your signature below affirms that you have reviewed this disclosure form and that it is true, complete, and correct to the best of your knowledge and belief. You also attest that your agency has implemented the screen described above.

Signature of ethics officer

Date signed (month, day, year)

Printed full name of ethics officer

Gina R. Williams

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Williams, Gina

From: Jean Wojtowicz <jwojtowicz@cambridgecapitalmgmt.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2017 2:01 PM
To: Fite, Tom; Williams, Gina
Subject: DFI members meeting June 22, 2017

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Tom and Gina,

At today's meeting there was an indication that at next month's meeting the Members would be reviewing the proposed merger of First Merchants Bank and IAB Bank.

As you know I am on the board of First Merchants Bank, so wanted you to know of that conflict. I actually will not be in attendance at the June 22 meeting due to a previously scheduled obligation.

When the Ethics Disclosure Statement is completed, I will sign it and return it to you for your records.

Thanks..Jean

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