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**Lauren Smith Named AVB Bank  
Senior Vice President & Senior Commercial Loan Officer**

**(Broken Arrow, OK)** – AVB Bank is delighted to announce the appointment of Lauren Smith as Senior Vice President and Senior Commercial Loan Officer. Smith has over 17 years of banking expertise and brings a wealth of experience in commercial lending, portfolio management, and business development to AVB. In her new role, Smith will be instrumental in originating and managing a commercial loan portfolio while fostering key business relationships.

Ted Cundiff, AVB President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO), expressed enthusiasm about Smith’s addition to the team, stating, “We are thrilled to welcome Lauren to the AVB team. Her extensive knowledge in commercial banking will undoubtedly bring great value to the bank.” Cundiff continued, “Lauren has been actively involved in the Broken Arrow community for years, and we are excited about the support she will provide to our customers and community.”

Reflecting on her decision to join AVB Bank, Smith remarked, “AVB has always been renowned for its commitment to the community and its people in the workplace. I am eager to be a part of that commitment and culture and look forward to contributing to the success of our customers.”

Smith holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Arkansas. She is a graduate of the Southwestern School of Banking (2021, Class 61) and Leadership Broken Arrow (Class of 2014). Formerly the Chairwoman of the Board for the Broken Arrow Chamber of Commerce and a Director since 2015, Smith currently serves on the Broken Arrow Seniors Board.

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