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First Security Bank of Owensboro, KY announced the recent appointment of **Susan W. Newberry** as **Bank Legal Counsel and Chief Compliance Officer**.

Previously, Ms. Newberry was Legal Counsel and Director of Corporate Compliance for First Merchants Corporation, a \$4 Billion bank holding company headquartered in Muncie, IN. Newberry brings a wealth of experience to the position, having been in financial services for over 20 years. Her experience includes both legal and compliance work for banks including Owensboro National Bank and Bank One.

Newberry is a graduate of the Vanderbilt University School of Law in Nashville, TN and also received her B.A. in History from KY Wesleyan College in Owensboro, KY. Ms. Newberry is a current member of the KY Bar Association.

M. Lynn Cooper, President and CEO of First Security stated "We are pleased to have Susan join our professional team of bankers. She will be an invaluable resource and will bring an added dimension to our management group."

First Security is a \$325 Million asset bank with offices in Owensboro, Bowling Green and Franklin, KY as well as Evansville, IN.