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IBA's Van Til Named Best & Brightest

Amber R. Van Til, vice president-government relations of the Indiana Bankers Association (IBA), won in the category of Banking & Financial Services for the prestigious Best & Brightest awards, sponsored by Junior Achievement of Central Indiana Inc. and presented by KPMG LLP. Van Til was honored at a ceremony in Indianapolis on Sept. 25.

The Best & Brightest awards recognize a select group of professionals throughout Central Indiana, age 40 or younger, who demonstrate exceptional accomplishments in the workplace, skillful leadership, and the highest ethical and moral standards. Nominees are submitted among 10 categories.* A panel of judges chooses 10 finalists per category, then selects a single winner in each, representing the best of the best. In addition to the prestige of being selected a Best & Brightest winner, Van Til and the rest of the winners' circle are being awarded with enrollment in the exclusive Lacy Leadership LEAD program and will benefit from a partnership with the Greater Indianapolis Progress Committee.

Van Til has been serving as a banking advocate since 2002, when she joined the Community Bankers Association of Indiana, which subsequently merged with the IBA. She is primarily responsible for all state legislative issues concerning Indiana's banking industry. Widely regarded as the face of banking at the Indiana Statehouse, she educates legislators about banking issues, banking laws and the impact of legislation on the health and viability of banking. Van Til earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Indianapolis and a JD from the Indiana University School of Law.

The Best and Brightest initiative was created by Junior Achievement to recognize up-and-coming talent and the next generation of Hoosier leaders. Finalists are judged on professional accomplishments and leadership qualities. Carl Brizzi, Marion County Prosecutor and a past Best & Brightest Winner, served as chairman of this year's event. Gerry Dick, host of the television program, "Inside INdiana Business," served as emcee. In 2007 Van Til was honored as a Best & Brightest finalist in the category of Education & Nonprofit.



Amber R. Van Til, Indiana Bankers Association, won the 2008 Best & Brightest Award in the field of banking.

* Best & Brightest categories are: Accounting; Banking & Financial Services; Education & Nonprofit; Government; Health & Life Sciences; Law; Manufacturing, Retail & Services; Media, Entertainment & Sports; Real Estate Development & Construction; and Technology.