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2019 Legendary Landmark

WINTRUST

Edward J. Wehmer, President & CEO

Corporate Legendary Landmark

Wintrust—the second largest banking group headquartered in Illinois today—provides community-oriented, personal and commercial banking services.

Accepting the 2019 Corporate Landmark honor for Wintrust is President & CEO Edward J. Wehmer, who has overseen the bank's growth since its founding in 1991. Wintrust is known for its high-quality, personalized customer service and philanthropy to Chicago-area charities.

Beyond financing preservation projects through its lending, Wintrust has invested its own funds in adaptive reuse. Mr. Wehmer spearheaded the bank's 2014 move into the heart of Chicago's financial district, cementing its commitment to the city's economic growth. Prior to occupancy, Wintrust undertook a major restoration of the Central Standard Building at 231 S. LaSalle St., returning the original grandeur of its Grand Hall and making the space available to community partners for events. Additionally, Geneva Bank & Trust, a Wintrust Community Bank in Geneva, Ill., located its branch in the National Register-listed Pure Oil Station, recognized at the 2013 Landmarks Illinois Richard H. Driehaus Foundation Preservation Awards.

Mr. Wehmer's civic leadership extends well beyond the bank. He serves as chairman of the board of Northwestern Memorial Foundation at Northwestern Medicine, on the audit committee of Northwestern Memorial Health Care, as a trustee for Lurie Children's Hospital and Foundation and is vice chair on the board of the Finance Committee of the Archdiocese of Chicago. Mr. Wehmer is also a director of the Catholic Extension Society of America and is a member of The Economic Club of Chicago, the Commercial Club of Chicago and the Bankers Club, where he was a former president.

Conceived as a local alternative to the big banks when it was founded, Wintrust has stayed true to its original mission. Wintrust Community Banks go above and beyond traditional banking solutions to host financial education courses, hold and sponsor community events

and serve on local nonprofit boards. Getting involved and giving back define Wintrust's corporate culture.