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## Signature Bank Ranks among Top Private Banking Services Providers Nationally by the National Law Journal

*Bank Scores High in Reader Ranking Survey by Leading National Legal Trade Journal*

NEW YORK--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- [Signature Bank](#) (Nasdaq:SBNY), a New York-based full-service commercial bank, announced today it was recently cited as one of [the nation's best private banking services providers](#) in the [2017 Best of The National Law Journal](#) rankings. The 2017 Best of *The National Law Journal* is a reader survey of the top solutions providers spanning many areas that nationally serve the legal industry. Signature Bank ranked in the top three in this category for 2017.

The results stem from reader surveys *The National Law Journal* presents directly to its subscriber base.

"Our client base consists of many types of commercial clients, including professional services organizations of which law firms are a large part. *The National Law Journal* reader ranking citing Signature Bank as a top private banking services provider is a true testament to our abilities to cater to these types of professional services organizations. The Bank has consistently ranked high amongst lawyers as evidenced by the top placement we also earned in *The New York Law Journal* across similar categories. For the past three consecutive years (2014, 2015 and 2016), the Bank was voted Best Business Bank by *The New York Law Journal's* dedicated readers. We appreciate our legal clients taking time to recognize our emphasis on client care by voting for Signature Bank, and value their continued loyalty," said Joseph J. DePaolo, co-founder, president and chief executive officer at Signature Bank.

In addition to being named Best Business Bank by [The New York Law Journal](#) (a sister publication of *The National Law Journal*) in the publication's [seventh annual reader survey](#) in September 2016, the Bank also ranked second in the Best Private Bank and Best Attorney Escrow Services categories.

### About Signature Bank

Signature Bank, member FDIC, is a New York-based full-service commercial bank with [30 private client offices](#) throughout the New York metropolitan area, including those in Manhattan, Brooklyn, Westchester, Long Island, Queens, the Bronx, Staten Island and Connecticut. The Bank's growing network of private client banking teams serves the needs of privately owned businesses, their owners and senior managers.

Signature Bank offers a wide variety of business and personal banking products and services. Its specialty finance subsidiary, Signature Financial, LLC, provides equipment finance and leasing. Signature Securities Group Corporation, a wholly owned Bank subsidiary, is a licensed broker-dealer, investment adviser and member FINRA/SIPC, offering investment, brokerage, asset management and insurance products and services.

Since commencing operations in May 2001, the Bank has grown to \$39.05 billion in assets, \$29.04 billion in loans, \$31.86 billion in deposits, \$3.61 billion in equity capital and \$3.35 billion in other assets under management as of December 31, 2016. Signature Bank's Tier 1 and risk-based capital ratios are significantly above the levels required to be considered well capitalized.

Signature Bank ranked on [Forbes' Best Banks in America](#) list for the seventh consecutive year in 2017 and was recently named Best Business Bank for the third consecutive year by the [New York Law Journal](#) in the publication's [seventh annual reader survey](#). The Bank also ranked second in the Best Private Bank and Best Attorney Escrow Services categories in the listing. Additionally, Signature Bank was cited among the top three of [the nation's best private banking services providers](#) in the [2017 Best of The National Law Journal](#) reader rankings. The Bank was also named Best Commercial Bank of the Year - U.S. by *International Banker* in their [International Banker 2017 North and South American Awards](#) program.

For more information, please visit [www.signatureny.com](http://www.signatureny.com).

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