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BANTERRA BRINGS NEW LEADERSHIP TO BANTERRA INSURANCE; HIRES J. MARK WILLIAMS AS EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

Marion, IL – Banterra Corporation is pleased to announce that J. Mark Williams has joined the team as Executive Vice President for Banterra’s Insurance Division. Williams has more than 35 years of insurance experience and his leadership and expertise will be invaluable to the goals set for Banterra Insurance.

“Our mission at Banterra is to deliver financial services that provide long-term value to our customers, and having quality insurance is a key part of an individual’s financial well being” said Jeff May, President for Banterra Bank. “We have offered insurance, a value and convenience to our customers, since 1989 and we are pleased to have J. Mark Williams lead and grow these efforts.”

Based in Illinois, Williams began his insurance career in 1980 with Country Companies Insurance in McLeansboro. He became an independent agent in 1989 and was based in Marion. He later took the position of Agency Director for Metlife Financial in Marion in 2001. For the past eleven years, Williams served at Pekin Insurance, first as Field Manager for Southern Illinois and most recently as National Life Marketing Manager for ten states.

“I am excited about this opportunity with Banterra Insurance,” said J. Mark Williams. “With Banterra’s strength in the banking industry and offering exceptional service for more than 40 years, it’s only natural that Banterra made the decision more than 25 years ago to offer quality insurance as part of their financial services to customers. I couldn’t be more honored to lead the efforts to reaching higher goals for this division.”

Williams and his wife Vicki are residents of Marion, Illinois. They have five children and almost as many dogs (four), and proud grandparents of eight grandchildren.

Banterra Bank began as a single bank in Ridgway, Illinois in July of 1975. Today, Banterra is the largest, locally-owned bank in the region with more than \$1.4 billion in assets and 36 locations in Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky and Missouri. For more information, call 866-BANTERRA (226-8377), or go to www.banterra.com.

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