

2019 Business Legend - Lee Moss

Lee Moss serves as president of Franklin Synergy Bank and Franklin Financial Corp., having previously served as chairman & CEO of MidSouth Bank in Murfreesboro prior to their banks' merger in 2014. Moss formerly served 28 years with SunTrust Bank in Nashville, most recently as president in Rutherford County. Moss graduated from the University of Tennessee in 1973 with a B.S. degree in Business Administration majoring in Banking, having also graduated from the Graduate School of Banking at LSU and the National Commercial Lending School.

He is very active in the Middle Tennessee community, currently serving as board chairman of Ascension St. Thomas Health for Tennessee, immediate past chairman of the Tennessee Bankers Association, and as a board member of the Business Education Partnership and the Jennings Jones Foundation. Moss previously served as chairman of the following boards: St. Thomas Rutherford Hospital, Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce, United Way of Rutherford and Cannon Counties board and campaign chairman, Discovery Center in Murfreesboro, Rutherford County American Heart Association, University of Tennessee Davidson County Alumni Association, the Nashville Downtown Optimist Club, national president of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, and board member of the MTSU Foundation and MTSU School of Business.

Moss was the 2018 Distinguished FIJI recipient, the Y's 2012 Humanitarian of the Year, 2006 Chamber Business Person of the Year, and 2004 Jennings A. Jones Champion of Free Enterprise from MTSU's School of Business. He officiated high school basketball in Middle Tennessee for over twenty-five years and twice officiated the State Tournament in Murfreesboro. Moss graduated from Leadership Rutherford in 1996, Leadership Middle Tennessee in 2011, and is active at First United Methodist Church where he has taught the Koinonia Adult Sunday School Class for over 22 years and serves on the Administrative board, having formerly served as chair of the elders at Woodmont Christian Church in Nashville. Over many years, Moss has frequently taught various finance, business and business ethics classes at UT and MTSU. He and his wife Susan have four children: Katherine, Chase, Laura and Robert (deceased), and six grandchildren.