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# **Banking & Finance**

Central Trust Co. hired **Jarod Robillard** as an assistant vice president and relationship manager. He's worked two years as a financial planner and five years as a retirement consultant.

Robillard holds a bachelor's in finance and economics from Southwest Baptist University, as well as the certified financial planner designation.

Achieve Private Wealth was named to Forbes' list of the Best-in-State Wealth Management Teams. Determined by high levels of ethical standards, professionalism and success, the firm was chosen based on assets under management, industry experience, compliance record and best practices in working with clients.

The National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors recognized **Tim Piatchek** of Piatchek Retirement Consultants with its 2023 Quality Award in working with life insurance and annuities products. The honor recognizes exceptional client services, professional education, industry volunteerism and following NAIFA's code of ethics.

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#### **Health Care**

**Dr. Todd Buzbee** of Buzbee Dental completed training to become a diplomate of the American Board of Dental Sleep Medicine. The organization helps set standards for dental sleep medicine.

### **Human Resources**

HR Advantage LLC hired **Dana Baldwin** as a human resources adviser. She has 20 years of human resources experience, particularly serving the financial, manufacturing, automotive and nonprofit sectors. Baldwin holds a bachelor's in human resource management from University of Central Missouri, as well as a professional

in human resources certification.

#### Law

Spencer Fane LLP attorney **Shelby Wood** was elected to the partnership role. He practices in real estate law, with specialty in superfund sites and contaminated properties, and holds a Juris Doctor from University of Iowa. Wood was among 10 attorneys selected firmwide.

## Media

Henderson Media LLC won three national awards from TechBehemoths for search-engine optimization, web design and WordPress services. Out of 387 winners selected in the United States, Henderson Media ranked No. 4 in SEO, No. 7 in web design and No. 26 in WordPress design.

### **Nonprofit**

The Network's Leadership Council appointed Megan Buchbinder as chair and Callie Carroll-Swafford as vice chair. Buchbinder works as marketing director for the Springfield Convention & Visitors Bureau Inc. and Carroll-Swafford as vice president of business development for OMB Bank. The council also

added six members: **Bridget Bechtel** of Sculpture Walk Springfield, **Chelsea Davison** of Buf Architecture Studio LLC, **Michael Deschenes** of Strategic Financial, **Regina Hess** of Springfield Cardinals, **Katie Jackson** of Servpro of Springfield/Greene County and **Jason Nunn** of Murney Associates, Realtors.

The Connecting Grounds Associate Pastor Rue Lohn was named lead pastor, succeeding Christie Love. Lohn has worked with families in personal and professional roles for four years, including children's and teens' ministries and as a case manager for Burrell Behavioral Health.

Abilities First hired **Christopher Upton** as director of vocational services. He's directed the Adult Tendercare Center for adults with disabilities the past six years and worked there for more than a decade. At Abilities First, Upton helps people with disabilities find employment opportunities.

# **Transportation**

Prime Inc. named **Darrel Hopkins** president, succeeding founder Robert Low. He's worked for the company since 1994, including roles as controller and head of its leasing division. Low retained his CEO position.



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