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HUNTINGTON APPOINTS STICKLER TO LEAD COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE

COLUMBUS, Ohio – Huntington Bancshares Inc. today announced the appointment of Randall Stickler as senior executive vice president and director of Commercial Real Estate (CRE), effective April 16, 2009. In this role he will be responsible for management of the company's CRE business.

"We are pleased Randy is joining the Huntington team. He has a proven track record in commercial banking, and specifically with commercial real estate," said Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer Stephen D. Steinour. "Our commercial real estate bankers will remain in our markets serving clients. This new position at Huntington establishes a company-wide strategy that will allow us to invest in CRE loans across all of the markets we serve. We remain committed to being a local bank, serving our customers in the communities where we live and work. We have worked very hard to provide good customer service in CRE over the years, and will continue to do so."

With approximately 25 years of banking experience, Stickler has led commercial real estate, middle market, regional banking, professional banking and portfolio management. His experience includes managing large portfolios and growing the CRE business at various banks, as well as leadership of a REIT lending group that provided marketing and loan structure negotiation; management of a real estate capital markets group responsible for originating, underwriting, closing securitizing and servicing Conduit and Fannie Mae Delegated Underwriting and Servicing (DUS) loans; and oversight of all phases of real estate development, including site selection and design, purchase negotiations, anchor tenant negotiations and financing. After serving in various capacities beginning in 2005, Stickler most recently served as State of Ohio President for Charter One Bank since 2007. He also previously held positions with Chase Properties, Keycorp, Society and Ameritrust. Stickler earned a bachelor's and master's degree in Business Administration from Kent State University.

"The commercial real estate development business demonstrates the investments being made in our communities. I am looking forward to working with the Huntington team and enhancing the focus on this area for the bank," Stickler commented.

About Huntington

Huntington Bancshares Incorporated is a \$54 billion regional bank holding company headquartered in Columbus, Ohio. Huntington has more than 143 years of serving the financial needs of its customers. Huntington's banking subsidiary, The Huntington National Bank, provides innovative retail and commercial financial products and services through over 600 regional banking offices in Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia. Huntington also offers retail and commercial financial services online at huntington.com; through its technologically advanced, 24-hour telephone bank; and through its network of almost 1,400 ATMs. Selected financial service activities are also conducted in other states including: Private Financial and Capital Markets Group offices in Florida and Mortgage Banking offices in Maryland and New Jersey. Huntington Insurance offers retail and commercial insurance agency services in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Indiana, and West Virginia.

International banking services are made available through the headquarters office in Columbus, a limited purpose office located in the Cayman Islands, and another located in Hong Kong.

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