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Northwest Bank Expert to Guide Digital Retirement Solutions on EPIC Retirement Plan Services Client Advisory Board

Editor's note: Executive headshot available upon request

Columbus, Ohio (May 16, 2022) - Northwest Bank, a full-service financial institution offering a complete line of business and personal banking products, announced today that Dennis J. Fortin II, vice president and retirement services manager, Northwest Trust Services, has been named to the Client Advisory Board for EPIC Retirement Plan Services, a national provider of record-keeping, third-party administration and actuary services.



As one of 13 members of EPIC Retirement Plan Services'

Client Advisory Board, Fortin will be responsible for enhancing existing products and services, developing new products and contributing to a shared and focused strategy for future business success. This includes identifying product gaps and potential improvements to support the company's more than 6,000 retirement plans serving over 300,000 participants.

"Northwest chose EPIC to manage the bank's retirement plan because of the company's collective expertise and ability to understand the needs of their customers," said Fortin. "It is an honor to join my colleagues from across the country to help guide the next generation of the company's products and services, which provide invaluable support to people and businesses planning for the future."

EPIC Retirement Plan Services also provide daily valuations for 401(k) plans and releases software and web updates every quarter, including the retirement calculator, videos and easily accessible tools for plan participants.

About Northwest Bank

Founded in 1896 and headquartered in Warren, Pennsylvania, Northwest Bank is a full-service financial institution offering a complete line of business and personal banking products, employee benefits and wealth management services. As of December 31, 2021, Northwest operates 162 full-service community banking offices and eight free standing drive-through facilities in Pennsylvania, New York, Ohio and Indiana. Northwest Bancshares, Inc.'s common stock is listed on the NASDAQ Global Select Market ("NWBI"). Additional information regarding Northwest Bancshares, Inc. and Northwest Bank can be accessed on-line at www.northwest.com.

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