

Bank of Granite Corporation

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Bank of Granite names Erwin to board of directors

Hickory, N.C.—Le N. Erwin has been named to Bank of Granite Corporation’s Board of Directors. “We are delighted to have Le join our board,” said Bank of Granite President and CEO, Charles Snipes. “Her longtime membership on our Morganton board, her leadership, and her dedication to the bank make her the perfect candidate for this directorship.”

Erwin is owner of More Lace gift shop at Morganton Station, the former Nite Furniture site on Green Street in Morganton. She is president of Charlotte-based Morris Investment Company, a family firm specializing in real estate and other investments. Her father, Morris Newell, founded the company 50 years ago.

Charlotte native Erwin is a 1970 graduate of Charlotte Country Day School. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in English from Salem College in Winston-Salem in 1974.

In addition to her service on the Bank of Granite Morganton Board of Directors, Erwin is actively involved in the community. She is a member of Mimosa Garden Club, board member of the Community Foundation of Burke County, and past president and current member of the Downtown Morganton Development Association.

Erwin and her husband, Clark, live in Morganton where they attend Faith Presbyterian Church. They have four grown children, son Clark, and daughters Mary Leila, Margaret, and Virginia.

“I’m delighted to be chosen to serve the bank in this new capacity,” said Erwin. “I’ve had a happy, long standing relationship with Bank of Granite and will do my best to serve the interest of the bank, its shareholders, and employees.”

Other members of the Bank of Granite Corporation Board of Directors are John N. Bray, Paul M. Fleetwood, III, John A. Forlines, Jr., Hugh R. Gaither, Bob J. McCreary, James Y. Preston, Charles M. Snipes, and Boyd C. Wilson, Jr.

Bank of Granite Corporation is the parent company of Bank of Granite and Granite Mortgage, Inc. The bank operates 21 full-service banking offices in Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Forsyth, Mecklenburg, Watauga and Wilkes Counties. Granite Mortgage, headquartered in Winston-Salem, originates home mortgages in these counties, as well as in Fayetteville, Greensboro, and Salisbury.

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