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Craig H. Schurr is the Senior Vice President and Manager of the International Banking Division of FirstMerit Bank, N. A. a $15.0 Billion asset super-community bank headquartered in Akron, Ohio. He has over 43 years experience in the banking industry, thirty three of which have been spent managing U. S. regional bank international banking activities. Mr. Schurr's expertise lies in the area of supply chain finance, global trade facilitation and trade finance. Over his long and distinguished career, he has advised and counseled literally hundreds of companies to expand and finance their global business activities through his direct involvement in structuring and executing specific transactions. Mr. Schurr has conducted many in-house seminars for companies looking for ways to effectively expand global markets for their products and services. He has also taught trade finance concepts at university, private and government sponsored programs. Throughout his career Mr. Schurr has served the banking and international business community participating on the boards of many organizations involved with international business facilitation.

Mr. Schurr's career includes stints at many of the country's major regional banks, all of which have significant focus on international banking activities. Prior to joining FirstMerit Bank in November of 2009, Mr. Schurr managed the Global Trade and Supply Chain Solutions Group for National City Bank from 2002 to 2009, managed various international banking activities for Bank One in Ohio, Arizona and Chicago from 1987 to 2002, managed an international unit for Mellon Bank from 1985 to 1987 and began his banking career with Equibank from 1968 to 1985. Mr. Schurr has been involved with international banking in many roles since his first assignment at Equibank in 1978.

Always willing to dedicate time to his profession, Mr. Schurr has been active as board member and executive officer of an assortment of regional and national professional and international business associations throughout the United States. In addition he has served on many community and other civic associations as president, treasurer and fund raiser volunteering countless hours to the communities in which he has lived.

Mr. Schurr received his Bachelor of Science degree from Robert Morris University and attended post-graduate banking schools at Bucknell University and the University of Virginia, Colgate Darden Graduate School. Mr. Schurr received the Chartered Bank Auditor certification from the Bank Administration Institute (BAI) in 1975 and the Certified Internal Auditor certification from The Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) in 1978.