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Wilmington Chamber Announces Officers and New Members of 2017 Board of Directors

Wilmington, N.C. — The Wilmington Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors elected First Vice-Chair Charlie Mattox (BB&T) to be chairman of the board for 2017. Mattox will succeed 2016 Chairman Mitch Lamm (First Citizens Bank), who will continue to serve as immediate past chairman.

Mattox serves as the Market President for BB&T in the Greater Wilmington area consisting of the counties of New Hanover, Northern Brunswick, Pender and Duplin Counties. A fifteen-year veteran of BB&T, he previously served in numerous and varied leadership roles for the bank, including Regional Branch Operations Manager and Regional Retail Banking Manager in Asheville, NC, and as City Executive in Boone, NC. A Leadership Wilmington graduate, Mattox was named “Outstanding Class Member” for the class of 2014. His current community activities include membership on the UNCW Foundation Board, Executive Board of the Cape Fear Council for the Boy Scouts of America, and he assisted with the North Carolina Azalea Festival in 2015-2016. A former college scholar athlete, team captain and first team all-conference award winner in the sport of basketball, he received his Undergraduate Degree from Berry College in Rome, GA and his Master’s Degree in Business Administration from Gardner-Webb University in Shelby, NC.

Mattox will be joined on the Wilmington Chamber leadership team by First Vice-Chair John Gizdic (NHRMC), Second Vice-Chair John Elliott (Duke Energy), and Treasurer Tee Nunnelee (Coastal Beverage Company). Other new members elected to the Wilmington Chamber board of directors for 2017 include: Tom Babel (Ward and Smith, P.A.), Sean Ahlum (Castle Branch/tekMountain), Jenna Curry (Port City Young Professionals and Little Wing Marketing), and Stephanie Lanier (Lanier Property Group).

A photograph of new Chamber Chairman Charlie Mattox is attached.

About the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce

The Wilmington Chamber of Commerce is the largest membership-based business association in Southeastern North Carolina. The Chamber’s mission is to ensure economic prosperity throughout our region. This is accomplished by: creating a diverse, inclusive organization that serves as a strong voice for businesses in the Greater Wilmington area; offering unique membership benefits, services and education; and challenging government officials to address long term community and business interests.

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