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FDIC IMPOSES CIVIL MONEY PENALTY AGAINST ILLINOIS BANKER

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The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) has imposed a civil money penalty against Robert G. Hershenhorn.

Hershenhorn, Chairman of the Board of First Bank and Trust Company of Illinois, Palatine, IL, is the controlling shareholder of the bank.

The FDIC's actions are based on allegations that Hershenhorn had failed to ensure that the bank obtained appraisals before underwriting, approving and funding large commercial real estate loans. Numerous loans were found to have been booked, between September 1999 and January 2001, without timely written appraisals.

Under the terms of the order, Hershenhorn must pay a civil money penalty in the amount of \$20,000.

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The order is attached



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