



Burke Stelling Group, LLC announces addition of Jim Stokes; expands footprint and senior-level depth

ATLANTA, GA – August 25, 2025 – Burke Stelling Group (BSG), a leading investment bank serving community banks, financial institutions, and other small businesses, is pleased to announce a partnership with Jim Stokes, a seasoned investment banker with decades of experience advising community banks and other financial institutions. Stokes will join BSG as Managing Director. Jim has primarily focused his efforts throughout the South, with particular emphasis on Georgia, Florida, and Texas.

Jon Burke, founder of BSG said, "Jim and I have been friends and colleagues for almost 30 years. We are thrilled to have him as part of the team. His knowledge of the industry and history of helping community banks is unmatched."

Jim added, "Becoming part of Burke Stelling Group strengthens my outreach by connecting me with a highly regarded group of professionals and a well-established client base."

Jim has assisted community and regional banks in a wide variety of M&A and capital markets transactions over the past 30+ years. Before joining BSG, he served as a Managing Director at Burke Capital/Morgan Keegan and later at Truist Securities, followed by the role of Consulting Director at Donnelly, Penman & Partners. He is licensed with the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) as a Uniform Securities Agent (Series 63), Uniform Investment Adviser (Series 65), General Securities Representative (Series 7), and Investment Banking Representative (Series 79).

Burke Stelling Group remains dedicated to upholding the highest standards of professionalism, customer satisfaction, and industry engagement. Clients can anticipate a continued tradition of excellence and value additive solutions.

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About Burke Stelling Group:

Burke Stelling Group is a trusted consultant to community banks, specialty lenders, financial services companies, and other private businesses. Our culture is to do right by our clients by always providing unmatched and unconflicted advice. With 100+ years of combined experience, Burke Stelling Group provides value driven services including M&A advisory, strategic planning, valuations, and other related services. Our independent, team-owned approach provides clients with a unique combination of industry expertise and problem- solving flexibility.

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