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FORM 10-K

ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES  
EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009

or

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES  
EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Commission file number: 0-13368

FIRST MID-ILLINOIS BANCSHARES, INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

37-1103704

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or  
organization)

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

1515 Charleston Avenue, Mattoon, Illinois  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

61938

(Zip Code)

(217) 234-7454

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

NONE

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

Common stock, par value \$4.00 per share,  
and related Common Stock Purchase Rights

(Title of class)

Indicate by check mark if the Registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act.  Yes  No

Indicate by check mark if the Registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act.  Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the Registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes  No

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of Registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements

incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K. [ ]

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of “large accelerated filer,” “accelerated filer” and “smaller reporting company” in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer [ ]

Accelerated filer [X]

Non-accelerated filer [ ]

Smaller reporting company [ ]

(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act). [ ] Yes [X] No

The aggregate market value of the outstanding common stock, other than shares held by persons who may be deemed affiliates of the Registrant, as of the last business day of the Registrant’s most recently completed second fiscal quarter was approximately \$73,743,000. Determination of stock ownership by non-affiliates was made solely for the purpose of responding to this requirement and the Registrant is not bound by this determination for any other purpose.

As of March 3, 2010, 6,102,360 shares of the Registrant’s common stock, \$4.00 par value, were outstanding.

#### DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Document	Into Form 10-K Part:
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PART I

ITEM 1.BUSINESS

Company and Subsidiaries

First Mid-Illinois Bancshares, Inc. (the “Company”) is a financial holding company. The Company is engaged in the business of banking through its wholly owned subsidiary, First Mid-Illinois Bank & Trust, N.A. (“First Mid Bank”). The Company provides data processing services to affiliates through another wholly owned subsidiary, Mid-Illinois Data Services, Inc. (“MIDS”). The Company offers insurance products and services to customers through its wholly owned subsidiary, The Checkley Agency, Inc. (“Checkley”). The Company also wholly owns two statutory business trusts, First Mid-Illinois Statutory Trust I (“Trust I”), and First Mid-Illinois Statutory Trust II (“Trust II”), both unconsolidated subsidiaries of the Company.

The Company, a Delaware corporation, was incorporated on September 8, 1981, and pursuant to the approval of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (the “Federal Reserve Board”) became the holding company owning all of the outstanding stock of First National Bank, Mattoon (“First National”) on June 1, 1982. First National changed its name to First Mid-Illinois Bank & Trust, N.A. in 1992. The Company acquired all of the outstanding stock of a number of community banks or thrift institutions on the following dates, and subsequently combined their operations with those of the Company:

- Mattoon Bank, Mattoon on April 2, 1984
- State Bank of Sullivan on April 1, 1985
- Cumberland County National Bank in Neoga on December 31, 1985
- First National Bank and Trust Company of Douglas County on December 31, 1986
  - Charleston Community Bank on December 30, 1987
- Heartland Federal Savings and Loan Association on July 1, 1992
  - Downstate Bancshares, Inc. on October 4, 1994
  - American Bank of Illinois on April 20, 2001

In 1997, First Mid Bank acquired the Charleston, Illinois branch location and the customer base of First of America Bank and in 1999 acquired the Monticello, Taylorville and DeLand branch offices and deposit base of Bank One Illinois, N.A.

First Mid Bank also opened a de novo branch in Decatur, Illinois and a banking center in the Student Union of Eastern Illinois University in Charleston, Illinois (2000); de novo branches in Champaign, Illinois and Maryville, Illinois (2002), and a de novo branch in Highland, Illinois (2005).

In 2002, the Company acquired all of the outstanding stock of Checkley, an insurance agency located in Mattoon.

On May 1, 2006, the Company acquired Mansfield Bancorp, Inc. (“Mansfield”), and its wholly owned subsidiary, Peoples State Bank of Mansfield (“Peoples”) with locations in Mansfield, Mahomet and Weldon, Illinois. On September 8, 2006, Peoples merged with and into First Mid Bank with First Mid Bank being the surviving entity.

In 2009, the Company opened de novo branches in Decatur and Champaign.

Employees

The Company, MIDS, Checkley and First Mid Bank, collectively, employed 347 people on a full-time equivalent basis as of December 31, 2009. The Company places a high priority on staff development, which involves extensive

training, including customer service training. New employees are selected on the basis of both technical skills and customer service capabilities. None of the employees are covered by a collective bargaining agreement with the Company. The Company offers a variety of employee benefits.

#### Business Lines

The Company has chosen to operate in three primary lines of business—community banking and wealth management through First Mid Bank and insurance brokerage through Checkley. Of these, the community banking line contributes approximately 90% of the Company’s total revenues and profits. Within the community banking line, the Company serves commercial, retail and agricultural customers with a broad array of deposit and loan related products. The wealth management line provides estate planning, investment and farm management services for individuals and employee benefit services for business enterprises. The insurance brokerage line provides commercial lines insurance to businesses as well as homeowner, automobile and other types of personal lines insurance to individuals.

All three lines emphasize a “hands on” approach to service so that products and services can be tailored to fit the specific needs of existing and potential customers. Management believes that by emphasizing this personalized approach, the Company can, to a degree, diminish the trend towards homogeneous financial services, thereby differentiating the Company from competitors and allowing for slightly higher operating margins in each of the three lines.

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## Business Strategies

### Strategy for Operations and Risk Management

Operationally, the Company centralizes as many administrative and clerical tasks as possible within its home office location in Mattoon, Illinois. This allows branches to maintain customer focus, helps assure compliance with banking regulations, keeps fixed administrative costs at as low a level as is practicable, and better manages the various forms of risk inherent in this business. This approach also allows for the best possible use of technology in day-to-day banking activities thereby reducing the potential for human error. While the Company does not employ every new technology that is introduced, it does attempt to be near the leading edge with respect to operational technology.

The Company has a comprehensive set of operational policies and procedures that have been developed over time to address risk. These policies are intended to be as close as possible to “best practices” of the financial services industry and are subjected to continual review by management and the Board of Directors. The Company’s internal audit function incorporates procedures to determine compliance with these policies.

In the business of banking, credit risk is the single most important risk as losses from uncollectible loans can significantly diminish capital, earnings and shareholder value. In order to address this risk, the lending function of First Mid Bank receives significant attention from executive management and the Board of Directors. An important element of credit risk management is the quality, experience and training of the loan officers of First Mid Bank. The Company has invested, and will continue to invest, significant resources to ensure the quality, experience and training of First Mid Bank’s loan officers in order to keep credit losses at a minimum. In addition to the human element of credit risk management, the Company’s loan policies address the additional aspects of credit risk. Most lending personnel have signature authority that allows them to lend up to a certain amount based on their own judgment as to the creditworthiness of a borrower. The amount of the signature authority is based on the lending officers’ experience and training. The Senior Loan Committee, consisting of the most experienced lenders within the organization, must approve all underwriting decisions in excess of \$1.5 million. The Board of Directors must approve all underwriting decisions in excess of \$2 million.

While the underlying nature of lending will result in some amount of loan losses, First Mid Bank’s loan loss experience has been good with average net charge offs amounting to \$1.3 million (.19% of average loans) over the past five years. Nonperforming loans were \$12.7 million (1.82% of total loans) at December 31, 2009. These percentages have historically compared well with peer financial institutions and continue to do so today.

Interest rate and liquidity risk are two other forms of risk embedded in the business of financial intermediation. The Company’s Asset Liability Management Committee, consisting of experienced individuals who monitor all aspects of interest rates and maturities of interest earning assets and interest paying liabilities, manages these risks. The underlying objectives of interest rate and liquidity risk management are to shelter the Company’s net interest margin from changes in interest rates while maintaining adequate liquidity reserves to meet unanticipated funding demands. The Company uses financial modeling technology as a tool, employing a variety of “what if” scenarios to properly plan its activities. Despite the tools and methods used to monitor this risk, a sustained unfavorable interest rate environment will lead to some amount of compression in the net interest margin. During 2009, the Company’s net interest margin decreased to 3.40% from 3.73% in 2008. This was the result of a greater decrease in interest-earning asset rates compared to the decrease in borrowing and deposit rates.

### Strategy for Growth

The Company believes that growth of its revenue stream and of its customer base is vital to the goal of increasing the value of its shareholders’ investment. Management attempts to grow in two primary ways:

- by organic growth through adding new customers and selling more products and services to existing customers; and

- by acquisitions.

Virtually all of the Company's customer-contact personnel, in each of its business lines, are engaged in organic growth efforts to one degree or another. These personnel are trained to engage in needs-based selling whereby they make an attempt to match its products and services with the particular financial needs of individual customers and prospective customers. Most senior officers of the organization are required to attend monthly sales meetings where they report on their business development efforts and results. Executive management uses these meetings as an educational and risk management opportunity as well. Cross-selling opportunities are encouraged between the business lines.

Within the community banking line, the Company has focused on growing business operating and real estate loans. Total commercial real estate loans have increased modestly from \$187 million at December 31, 2005 to \$226 million at December 31, 2009. Approximately 66% of the Company's total revenues are derived from lending activities. The Company has also focused on growing the commercial and retail deposit base through growth in checking, money markets and customer repurchase agreement balances. The wealth management line has focused its growth efforts on estate planning, investment and farm management services for individuals and employee benefit services for businesses. The insurance brokerage line has focused on increasing property and casualty insurance for businesses and personal lines insurance to individuals.

Growth through a series of small acquisitions has been an integral part of the Company's strategy for an extended period of time. When reviewing acquisition possibilities, the Company focuses on those organizations where there is a cultural fit with its existing operations and where there is a strong likelihood of adding to shareholder value. Most past acquisitions have been cash-based transactions. While the Company expects to continue this trend in the future, it would consider a stock-based acquisition if the strategic and financial metrics were compelling. The emphasis on smaller acquisitions is due to the inherent risks accompanying acquisitions and the preference for cash financing rather than use of the Company's common stock.

This overall growth strategy has been to grow the customer base without significantly increasing the shareholder base. This requires a certain amount of financial leverage and the Company monitors its capital base carefully to satisfy all regulatory requirements while maintaining flexibility. The Company has maintained a Dividend Reinvestment Plan as well as various forms of equity compensation for directors and key managers. It has also maintained an ongoing share buy back program both as a service to shareholders and a means of maintaining optimal levels of capital. In 2009, the Company issued and sold Series B Preferred Stock to certain investors. The Company also uses various forms of long-term debt to augment its capital when appropriate.

Markets and Competition

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The Company has active competition in all areas in which First Mid Bank presently does business. First Mid Bank competes for commercial and individual deposits, loans, and trust business with many east central Illinois banks, savings and loan associations, and credit unions. The principal methods of competition in the banking and financial services industry are quality of services to customers, ease of access to facilities, and pricing of services, including interest rates paid on deposits, interest rates charged on loans, and fees charged for fiduciary and other banking services.

First Mid Bank operates facilities in the Illinois counties of Bond, Champaign, Christian, Coles, Cumberland, Dewitt, Douglas, Effingham, Macon, Madison, Moultrie, and Piatt. Each facility primarily serves the community in which it is located. First Mid Bank serves nineteen different communities with twenty-six separate locations in the towns of Altamont, Arcola, Champaign, Charleston, Decatur, Effingham, Highland, Mansfield, Mahomet, Maryville, Mattoon, Monticello, Neoga, Pocahontas, Sullivan, Taylorville, Tuscola, Urbana, and Weldon Illinois. Within the areas of service, there are numerous competing financial institutions and financial services companies.

#### Website

The Company maintains a website at [www.firstmid.com](http://www.firstmid.com). All periodic and current reports of the Company and amendments to these reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) can be accessed, free of charge, through this website as soon as reasonably practicable after these materials are filed with the SEC.

## SUPERVISION AND REGULATION

### General

Financial institutions, financial services companies, and their holding companies are extensively regulated under federal and state law. As a result, the growth and earnings performance of the Company can be affected not only by management decisions and general economic conditions, but also by the requirements of applicable state and federal statutes and regulations and the policies of various governmental regulatory authorities including, but not limited to, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (the “OCC”), the Federal Reserve Board, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (the “FDIC”), the Internal Revenue Service and state taxing authorities. Any change in applicable laws, regulations or regulatory policies may have material effects on the business, operations and prospects of the Company and First Mid Bank. The Company is unable to predict the nature or extent of the effects that fiscal or monetary policies, economic controls or new federal or state legislation may have on its business and earnings in the future.

Federal and state laws and regulations generally applicable to financial institutions and financial services companies, such as the Company and its subsidiaries, regulate, among other things, the scope of business, investments, reserves against deposits, capital levels relative to operations, the nature and amount of collateral for loans, the establishment of branches, mergers, consolidations and dividends. The system of supervision and regulation applicable to the Company and its subsidiaries establishes a comprehensive framework for their respective operations and is intended primarily for the protection of the FDIC’s deposit insurance fund and the depositors, rather than the stockholders, of financial institutions.

The following references to material statutes and regulations affecting the Company and its subsidiaries are brief summaries thereof and do not purport to be complete, and are qualified in their entirety by reference to such statutes and regulations. Any change in applicable law or regulations may have a material effect on the business of the Company and its subsidiaries.

### Financial Modernization Legislation



The 1999 Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act (the “GLB Act”) significantly changed financial services regulation by expanding permissible non-banking activities of bank holding companies and removing certain barriers to affiliations among banks, insurance companies, securities firms and other financial services entities. These activities and affiliations can be structured through a holding company structure or, in the case of many of the activities, through a financial subsidiary of a bank. The GLB Act also established a system of federal and state regulation based on functional regulation, meaning that primary regulatory oversight for a particular activity generally resides with the federal or state regulator having the greatest expertise in the area. Banking is supervised by banking regulators, insurance by state insurance regulators and securities activities by the SEC and state securities regulators. The GLB Act also requires the disclosure of agreements reached with community groups that relate to the Community Reinvestment Act, and contains various other provisions designed to improve the delivery of financial services to consumers while maintaining an appropriate level of safety in the financial services industry.

The GLB Act repeals the anti-affiliation provisions of the Glass-Steagall Act and revises the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (the “BHCA”) to permit qualifying holding companies, called “financial holding companies,” to engage in, or to affiliate with companies engaged in, a full range of financial activities, including banking, insurance activities (including insurance portfolio investing), securities activities, merchant banking and additional activities that are “financial in nature,” incidental to financial activities or, in certain circumstances, complementary to financial activities. A bank holding company’s subsidiary banks must be “well-capitalized” and “well-managed” and have at least a “satisfactory” Community Reinvestment Act rating for the bank holding company to elect and maintain its status as a financial holding company.

A significant component of the GLB Act’s focus on functional regulation relates to the application of federal securities laws and SEC oversight of some bank securities activities previously exempt from broker-dealer registration. Among other things, the GLB Act amends the definitions of “broker” and “dealer” under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to remove the blanket exemption for banks. Under the GLB Act, banks may conduct securities activities without broker-dealer registration only if the activities fall within a set of activity-based exemptions designed to allow banks to conduct only those activities traditionally considered to be primarily banking or trust activities. Securities activities outside these exemptions, as a practical matter, need to be conducted by registered broker-dealer affiliate. By several orders, the SEC extended the blanket exemption for banks from the definition of “broker” and “dealer” while it considered implementing rules. In 2003, the SEC adopted amendments to its rules relating to the “dealer” exemption for banks. In September 2007, the SEC and the Federal Reserve Board adopted a regulation to implement the broker activities exemption of the GLB Act that became effective for First Mid Bank beginning January 1, 2009. The GLB Act also amends the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 to require the registration of banks that act as investment advisers for mutual funds. The Company believes that it has taken the necessary actions to comply with these requirements of the GLB Act and the regulations adopted under them.

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### Anti-Terrorism Legislation

The USA PATRIOT Act of 2001 included the International Money Laundering Abatement and Anti-Terrorist Financing Act of 2001 (the "IMLAFA"). The IMLAFA contains anti-money laundering measures affecting insured depository institutions, broker-dealers, and certain other financial institutions. The IMLAFA requires U.S. financial institutions to adopt policies and procedures to combat money laundering and grants the Secretary of the Treasury broad authority to establish regulations and to impose requirements and restrictions on financial institutions' operations. The Company has established policies and procedures for compliance with the IMLAFA and the related regulations. The Company has designated an officer solely responsible for ensuring compliance with existing regulations and monitoring changes to the regulations as they occur.

### Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008

In response to recent unprecedented financial market turmoil, the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 ("EESA") was enacted on October 3, 2008. EESA authorizes the U.S. Treasury Department to provide up to \$700 billion in funding for the financial services industry. Pursuant to the EESA, the Treasury was initially authorized to use \$350 billion for the Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP). Of this amount, Treasury allocated \$250 billion to the TARP Capital Purchase Program. On January 15, 2009, the second \$350 billion of TARP monies was released to the Treasury. The Secretary's authority under TARP expires October 3, 2010. The Company decided to not participate in the TARP Capital Purchase Program.

Before and after EESA, there have been numerous actions by Congress, the Federal Reserve Board, the Treasury, the FDIC, the SEC and others to further the economic and banking industry stabilization efforts, including the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act enacted February 17, 2009.

On October 14, 2008, the FDIC announced the Temporary Liquidity Guarantee Program (TLGP). The final rule was adopted on November 21, 2008. The FDIC stated that the purpose of these actions is to strengthen confidence and encourage liquidity in the banking system by guaranteeing newly issued senior unsecured debt of 31 days or greater, of banks, thrifts, and certain holding companies, and by providing full FDIC insurance coverage for all non-interest bearing transaction accounts, regardless of dollar amount. Inclusion in the program was voluntary. Institutions participating in the senior unsecured debt portion of the program are assessed fees based on a sliding scale, depending on length of maturity. Shorter-term debt has a lower fee structure and longer-term debt has a higher fee. The range is from 50 basis points on debt of 180 days or less, to a maximum of 100 basis points for debt with maturities of one year or longer, on an annualized basis. A 10-basis point surcharge is added to a participating institution's current insurance assessment in exchange for final coverage for all transaction accounts.

First Mid Bank elected to participate in both parts of the TLGP, the Transaction Account Guarantee Program and the Debt Guarantee Program. The FDIC's Transaction Account Guarantee Program, provides, without charge to depositors, a full guarantee on all non-interest bearing transaction accounts held by any depositor, regardless of dollar amount, through June 30, 2010. Participation in the Transaction Account Guarantee Program cost the Company 10 basis points annually on the amount of the deposits. The FDIC's Debt Guarantee Program, which expired in October 2009, provided for the guarantee of eligible newly issued senior unsecured debt of participating entities, but the Company and the Bank did not issue any debt under this program.

### The Company

General. As a registered bank holding company under the BHCA that has elected to become a financial holding company under the GLB Act, the Company is subject to regulation by the Federal Reserve Board. In accordance with Federal Reserve Board policy, the Company is expected to act as a source of financial strength to First Mid Bank and to commit resources to support First Mid Bank in circumstances where the Company might not do so absent such policy. The Company is subject to inspection, examination, and supervision by the Federal Reserve Board.

Activities. As a financial holding company, the Company may affiliate with securities firms and insurance companies and engage in other activities that are financial in nature or incidental or complementary to activities that are financial in nature. A bank holding company that is not also a financial holding company is limited to engaging in banking and such other activities as determined by the Federal Reserve Board to be so closely related to banking or managing or controlling banks as to be a proper incident thereto.

No Federal Reserve Board approval is required for the Company to acquire a company (other than a bank holding company, bank, or savings association) engaged in activities that are financial in nature or incidental to activities that are financial in nature, as determined by the Federal Reserve Board. However, the Company generally must give the Federal Reserve Board after-the-fact notice of these activities. Prior Federal Reserve Board approval is required before the Company may acquire beneficial ownership or control of more than 5% of the voting shares or substantially all of the assets of a bank holding company, bank, or savings association.

If any subsidiary bank of the Company ceases to be “well-capitalized” or “well-managed” under applicable regulatory standards, the Federal Reserve Board may, among other actions, order the Company to divest its depository institution. Alternatively, the Company may elect to conform its activities to those permissible for a bank holding company that is not also a financial holding company.

If any subsidiary bank of the Company receives a rating under the Community Reinvestment Act of less than “satisfactory”, the Company will be prohibited, until the rating is raised to “satisfactory” or better, from engaging in new activities or acquiring companies other than bank holding companies, banks, or savings associations.

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**Capital Requirements.** Bank holding companies are required to maintain minimum levels of capital in accordance with Federal Reserve Board capital adequacy guidelines. The Federal Reserve Board's capital guidelines establish the following minimum regulatory capital requirements for bank holding companies: a risk-based requirement expressed as a percentage of total risk-weighted assets, and a leverage requirement expressed as a percentage of total assets. The risk-based requirement consists of a minimum ratio of total capital to total risk-weighted assets of 8%, at least one-half of which must be Tier 1 capital. The leverage requirement consists of a minimum ratio of Tier 1 capital to total assets of 3% for the most highly rated companies, with minimum requirements of at least 4% for all others. For purposes of these capital standards, Tier 1 capital consists primarily of permanent stockholders' equity, which includes the Series B 9% Non-Cumulative Perpetual Convertible Preferred Stock issued by the Company in 2009, less intangible assets (other than certain mortgage servicing rights and purchased credit card relationships), and total capital means Tier 1 capital plus certain other debt and equity instruments which do not qualify as Tier 1 capital, limited amounts of unrealized gains on equity securities and a portion of the Company's allowance for loan and lease losses.

The risk-based and leverage standards described above are minimum requirements, and higher capital levels will be required if warranted by the particular circumstances or risk profiles of individual banking organizations. For example, the Federal Reserve Board's capital guidelines contemplate that additional capital may be required to take adequate account of, among other things, interest rate risk, or the risks posed by concentrations of credit, nontraditional activities or securities trading activities. Further, any banking organization experiencing or anticipating significant growth would be expected to maintain capital ratios, including tangible capital positions (i.e., Tier 1 capital less all intangible assets), well above the minimum levels.

In December 2007, the U.S. bank regulatory agencies adopted final rules that require large, internationally active financial services organizations to use the most sophisticated and complex methodology for calculating capital requirements reflected in the New Basel Capital Accord, developed by the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision. These rules became operational in April 2008, but are mandatory only for "core banks," i.e., banks with consolidated total assets of \$250 billion or more. In July 2008, the U.S. bank regulatory agencies also published a notice of proposed rule-making that would provide all non-core banking organizations with the option to adopt a standardized approach under these rules, which reflects a simpler methodology than the advanced approaches required of core banks.

As of December 31, 2009, the Company had regulatory capital, calculated on a consolidated basis, in excess of the Federal Reserve Board's minimum requirements, and its capital ratios exceeded those required for categorization as well-capitalized under the capital adequacy guidelines established by bank regulatory agencies with a total risk-based capital ratio of 15.76%, a Tier 1 risk-based ratio of 14.57% and a leverage ratio of 10.63%.

**Control Acquisitions.** The Change in Bank Control Act prohibits a person or group of person from acquiring "control" of a bank holding company unless the Federal Reserve Board has been notified and has not objected to the transaction. Under a rebuttable presumption established by the Federal Reserve Board, the acquisition of 10% or more of a class of voting stock of a bank holding company with a class of securities registered under Section 12 of the Exchange Act, such as the Company, would, under the circumstances set forth in the presumption, constitute acquisition of control of the Company.

In addition, any company is required to obtain the approval of the Federal Reserve Board under the BHCA before acquiring 25% (5% in the case of an acquirer that is a bank holding company) or more of the outstanding common of the Company, or otherwise obtaining control of a "controlling influence" over the Company or First Mid Bank.

**Interstate Banking and Branching.** The Riegle-Neal Act enacted in 1994 permits an adequately capitalized and adequately managed bank holding company, with Federal Reserve Board approval, to acquire banking institutions located in states other than the bank holding company's home state without regard to whether the transaction is prohibited under state law. In addition, national banks and state banks with different home states are permitted to

merge across state lines, with the approval of the appropriate federal banking agency, unless the home state of a participating banking institution has passed legislation prior to that date that expressly prohibits interstate mergers. De novo interstate branching is permitted if the laws of the host state so authorize. Moreover, national banks, such as First Mid Bank, may provide trust services in any state to the same extent as a trust company chartered by that state.

**Privacy and Security.** The GLB Act establishes a minimum federal standard of financial privacy by, among other provisions, requiring banks to adopt and disclose privacy policies with respect to consumer information and setting forth certain rules with respect to the disclosure to third parties of consumer information. The Company has adopted and disseminated its privacy policies pursuant to the GLB Act. Regulations adopted under the GLB Act set standards for protecting the security, confidentiality and integrity of customer information, and require notice to regulators, and in some cases, to customers, in the event of security breaches. A number of states have adopted their own statutes requiring notification of security breaches. In addition, the GLB Act requires the disclosure of agreements reached with community groups that relate to the CRA, and contains various other provisions designed to improve the delivery of financial services to consumers while maintaining an appropriate level of safety in the financial services industry.

#### First Mid Bank

**General.** First Mid Bank is a national bank, chartered under the National Bank Act. The FDIC insures the deposit accounts of First Mid Bank. As a national bank, First Mid Bank is a member of the Federal Reserve System and is subject to the examination, supervision, reporting and enforcement requirements of the OCC, as the primary federal regulator of national banks, and the FDIC, as administrator of the deposit insurance fund.

**Deposit Insurance.** As an FDIC-insured institution, First Mid Bank is required to pay deposit insurance premium assessments to the FDIC.

On October 3, 2008, the FDIC temporarily increased the standard maximum deposit insurance amount (SMDIA) from \$100,000 to \$250,000 per depositor. On May 20, 2009, the Helping Families Save Their Homes Act extended the temporary increase in the SMDIA through December 31, 2013. This extension of the temporary \$250,000 coverage limit became effective immediately upon the President's signature. The legislation provides that the SMDIA will return to \$100,000 on January 1, 2014. The additional cost of the increase to the SMDIA, assessed on a quarterly basis, is a 10 basis point annualized surcharge (2.5 basis points quarterly) on balances in non-interest bearing transaction accounts that exceed \$250,000. The Company has expensed \$49,000 for this program in 2009.

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On February 27, 2009, the FDIC adopted a final rule modifying the risk-based assessment system and setting initial base assessment rates beginning April 1, 2009, at 12 to 45 basis points and, due to extraordinary circumstances, extended the period of the restoration plan to increase the deposit insurance fund to seven years. Also on February 27, 2009, the FDIC issued final rules on changes to the risk-based assessment system. The final rules both increase base assessment rates and incorporate additional assessments for excess reliance on brokered deposits and FHLB advances. The new rates would increase annual assessment rates from 5 to 7 basis points to 7 to 24 basis points. This new assessment took effect April 1, 2009. The Company has expensed \$1,260,000 for this assessment in 2009.

Also on February 27, 2009, the FDIC adopted an interim rule to impose a 20 basis point emergency special assessment payable September 30, 2009 based on the second quarter 2009 assessment base, to help shore up the Deposit Insurance Fund (“DIF”). This assessment equates to a one-time cost of \$200,000 per \$100 million in assessment base. The interim rule also allows the Board to impose possible additional special assessments of up to 10 basis points thereafter to maintain public confidence in the DIF. Subsequently, the FDIC’s Treasury borrowing authority increased from \$30 billion to \$100 billion, allowing the agency to cut the planned special assessment from 20 to 10 basis points. On May 22, 2009, the FDIC adopted a final rule which established a special assessment of five basis points on each FDIC-insured depository institutions assets, minus its Tier 1 capital, as of September 30, 2009. The assessment was capped at 10 basis points of an institution’s domestic deposits so that no institution would pay an amount higher than they would have under the interim rule. This special assessment was collected September 30, 2009. The Company expensed \$522,000 as of June 30, 2009 for this special assessment.

In addition to its insurance assessment, each insured bank was subject, in 2009, to quarterly debt service assessments in connection with bonds issued by a government corporation that financed the federal savings and loan bailout. The Company expensed \$112,000 during 2009 for this assessment.

On September 29, 2009, the FDIC Board proposed a Deposit Insurance Fund restoration plan that required banks to prepay, on December 30, 2009, their estimated quarterly risk-based assessments for the fourth quarter of 2009 and for all of 2010, 2011 and 2012. Under the plan—which applies to all banks except those with liquidity problems—banks were assessed through 2010 according to the risk-based premium schedule adopted earlier this year. Beginning January 1, 2011, the base rate increase by 3 basis points. The Company recorded a prepaid expense asset of \$4,855,000 as of December 31, 2009 as a result of this plan. This asset will be amortized to non-interest expense over the next three years.

**OCC Assessments.** All national banks are required to pay supervisory fees to the OCC to fund the operations of the OCC. The amount of such supervisory fees is based upon each institution’s total assets, including consolidated subsidiaries, as reported to the OCC. During the year ended December 31, 2009, First Mid Bank paid supervisory fees to the OCC totaling \$240,000.

**Capital Requirements.** The OCC has established the following minimum capital standards for national banks, such as First Mid Bank: a leverage requirement consisting of a minimum ratio of Tier 1 capital to total assets of 3% for the most highly-rated banks with minimum requirements of at least 4% for all others, and a risk-based capital requirement consisting of a minimum ratio of total capital to total risk-weighted assets of 8%, at least one-half of which must be Tier 1 capital. For purposes of these capital standards, Tier 1 capital and total capital consists of substantially the same components as Tier 1 capital and total capital under the Federal Reserve Board’s capital guidelines for bank holding companies (See “The Company—Capital Requirements”).

The capital requirements described above are minimum requirements. Higher capital levels will be required if warranted by the particular circumstances or risk profiles of individual institutions. For example, the regulations of the OCC provide that additional capital may be required to take adequate account of, among other things, interest rate risk or the risks posed by concentrations of credit, nontraditional activities or securities trading activities.

During the year ended December 31, 2009, First Mid Bank was not required by the OCC to increase its capital to an amount in excess of the minimum regulatory requirements, and its capital ratios exceeded those required for categorization as well-capitalized under the capital adequacy guidelines established by bank regulatory agencies with a total risk-based capital ratio of 14.50%, a Tier 1 risk-based ratio of 13.31% and a leverage ratio of 9.67%.

Prompt Corrective Action. Federal law provides the federal banking regulators with broad power to take prompt corrective action to resolve the problems of undercapitalized institutions. The extent of the regulators' powers depends on whether the institution in question is "well-capitalized," "adequately-capitalized," "undercapitalized," "significantly undercapitalized" or "critically undercapitalized." Depending upon the capital category to which an institution is assigned, the regulators' corrective powers include: requiring the submission of a capital restoration plan; placing limits on asset growth and restrictions on activities; requiring the institution to issue additional capital stock (including additional voting stock) or to be acquired; restricting transactions with affiliates; restricting the interest rate the institution may pay on deposits; ordering a new election of directors of the institution; requiring that senior executive officers or directors be dismissed; prohibiting the institution from accepting deposits from correspondent banks; requiring the institution to divest certain subsidiaries; prohibiting the payment of principal or interest on subordinated debt; and in the most severe cases, appointing a conservator or receiver for the institution.

Dividends. The National Bank Act imposes limitations on the amount of dividends that may be paid by a national bank, such as First Mid Bank. Generally, a national bank may pay dividends out of its undivided profits, in such amounts and at such times as the bank's board of directors deems prudent. Without prior OCC approval, however, a national bank may not pay dividends in any calendar year which, in the aggregate, exceed the bank's year-to-date net income plus the bank's adjusted retained net income for the two preceding years.

The payment of dividends by any financial institution or its holding company is affected by the requirement to maintain adequate capital pursuant to applicable capital adequacy guidelines and regulations, and a financial institution generally is prohibited from paying any dividends if, following payment thereof, the institution would be undercapitalized. As described above, First Mid Bank exceeded its minimum capital requirements under applicable guidelines as of December 31, 2009. As of December 31, 2009, approximately \$18.6 million was available to be paid as dividends to the Company by First Mid Bank. Notwithstanding the availability of funds for dividends, however, the OCC may prohibit the payment of any dividends by First Mid Bank if the OCC determines that such payment would constitute an unsafe or unsound practice.

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**Affiliate and Insider Transactions.** First Mid Bank is subject to certain restrictions under federal law, including Regulation W of the Federal Reserve Board, on extensions of credit to the Company and its subsidiaries, on investments in the stock or other securities of the Company and its subsidiaries and the acceptance of the stock or other securities of the Company or its subsidiaries as collateral for loans. Certain limitations and reporting requirements are also placed on extensions of credit by First Mid Bank to its directors and officers, to directors and officers of the Company and its subsidiaries, to principal stockholders of the Company, and to “related interests” of such directors, officers and principal stockholders.

First Mid Bank is subject to restrictions under federal law that limits certain transactions with the Company, including loans, other extensions of credit, investments or asset purchases. Such transactions by a banking subsidiary with any one affiliate are limited in amount to 10 percent of the bank’s capital and surplus and, with all affiliates together, to an aggregate of 20 percent of the bank’s capital and surplus. Furthermore, such loans and extensions of credit, as well as certain other transactions, are required to be secured in specified amounts. These and certain other transactions, including any payment of money to the Company, must be on terms and conditions that are or in good faith would be offered to nonaffiliated companies.

In addition, federal law and regulations may affect the terms upon which any person becoming a director or officer of the Company or one of its subsidiaries or a principal stockholder of the Company may obtain credit from banks with which First Mid Bank maintains a correspondent relationship.

**Safety and Soundness Standards.** The federal banking agencies have adopted guidelines that establish operational and managerial standards to promote the safety and soundness of federally insured depository institutions. The guidelines set forth standards for internal controls, information systems, internal audit systems, loan documentation, credit underwriting, interest rate exposure, asset growth, compensation, fees and benefits, asset quality and earnings. In general, the guidelines prescribe the goals to be achieved in each area, and each institution is responsible for establishing its own procedures to achieve those goals. If an institution fails to comply with any of the standards set forth in the guidelines, the institution’s primary federal regulator may require the institution to submit a plan for achieving and maintaining compliance. The preamble to the guidelines states that the agencies expect to require a compliance plan from an institution whose failure to meet one or more of the guidelines are of such severity that it could threaten the safety and soundness of the institution. Failure to submit an acceptable plan, or failure to comply with a plan that has been accepted by the appropriate federal regulator, would constitute grounds for further enforcement action.

**Community Reinvestment Act.** First Mid Bank is subject to the Community Reinvestment Act (CRA). The CRA and the regulations issued thereunder are intended to encourage banks to help meet the credit needs of their service areas, including low and moderate income neighborhoods, consistent with the safe and sound operations of the banks. These regulations also provide for regulatory assessment of a bank’s record in meeting the needs of its service area when considering applications to establish branches, merger applications and applications to acquire the assets and assume the liabilities of another bank. The Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery and Enforcement Act of 1989 requires federal banking agencies to make public a rating of a bank’s performance under the CRA. In the case of a bank holding company, the CRA performance record of its bank subsidiaries is reviewed by federal banking agencies in connection with the filing of an application to acquire ownership or control of shares or assets of a bank or thrift or to merge with any other bank holding company. An unsatisfactory record can substantially delay or block the transaction. First Mid Bank received a satisfactory CRA rating from its regulator in its most recent CRA examination.

**Consumer Laws and Regulations.** In addition to the laws and regulations discussed above, First Mid Bank is also subject to certain consumer laws and regulations that are designed to protect consumers in transactions with banks. While the list set forth herein is not exhaustive, these laws and regulations include the Truth in Lending Act, the Truth in Savings Act, the Equal Credit Opportunity Act, the Fair Housing Act, the Fair Credit Reporting Act, the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act and the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act, among others. These laws and regulations mandate certain disclosure requirements and regulate the manner in which financial institutions must deal with customers when taking deposits, making loans to or marketing to or engaging in other types of transactions



with such customers. Failure to comply with these laws and regulations could lead to substantial penalties, operating restrictions and reputational damage to the financial institution.

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Supplemental Item – Executive Officers of the Registrant

The executive officers of the Company are elected annually by the Company’s board of directors and are identified below.

Name (Age)	Position With Company
	Chairman of the Board of Directors, President and Chief Executive Officer
William S. Rowland (63)	Executive Officer
Michael L. Taylor (41)	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
John W. Hedges (62)	Executive Vice President
Laurel G. Allenbaugh (49)	Executive Vice President
Kelly A. Downs (42)	Senior Vice President
Christopher L. Slabach (47)	Senior Vice President
Eric S. McRae (44)	Vice President
Charles A. LeFebvre (40)	Vice President

William S. Rowland, age 63, has been Chairman of the Board of Directors, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company since May 1999. He served as Executive Vice President of the Company from 1997 to 1999 and as Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer from 1989 to 1999. He also serves as Chairman of the Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer of First Mid Bank.

Michael L. Taylor, age 41, has been the Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the Company since May 2007. He served as Vice President and Chief Financial Officer from May 2000 to May 2007. He was with AMCORE Bank in Rockford, Illinois from 1996 to 2000.

John W. Hedges, age 62, has been Executive Vice President of the Company and the President of First Mid Bank since September 1999. He was with National City Bank in Decatur, Illinois from 1976 to 1999.

Laurel G. Allenbaugh, age 49, has been Executive Vice President of Operations since April 2008. She served as Vice President of Operations from February 2000 to April 2008. She served as Controller of the Company and First Mid Bank from 1990 to February 2000 and has been President of MIDS since 1998.

Kelly A. Downs, age 42, has been Senior Vice President of Human Resources since April 2008, has served as Vice President of Human Resources from 2001 to April 2008, and has been with the Company since 1991.

Christopher L. Slabach, age 47, has been Senior Vice President of the Company since 2007 and Senior Vice President, Risk Management of First Mid Bank since 2008. He served as Vice President, Audit from 1998-2007.

Eric S. McRae, age 44, has been Vice President of the Company and Executive Vice President, Chief Credit Officer of First Mid Bank since December 2008. He served as President of the Decatur region from 2001 to December 2008.

Charles A. LeFebvre, age 40, has been Vice President of the Company and Executive Vice President of the Trust and Wealth Management Division of First Mid Bank since 2007. He was an attorney with the law firm of Thomas, Mamer & Haughey from 2001 to 2007.



## ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

Various risks and uncertainties, some of which are difficult to predict and beyond the Company's control, could negatively impact the Company. As a financial institution, the Company is exposed to interest rate risk, liquidity risk, credit risk, operational risk, risks from economic or market conditions, and general business risks among others. Adverse experience with these or other risks could have a material impact on the Company's financial condition and results of operations, as well as the value of its common stock.

Difficult economic conditions and market disruption have adversely impacted the banking industry and financial markets generally and may significantly affect the business, financial condition, or results of operations of the Company. The Company's success depends, to a certain extent, upon economic and political conditions, local and national, as well as governmental monetary policies. Conditions such as inflation, recession, unemployment, changes in interest rates, money supply and other factors beyond the Company's control may adversely affect its asset quality, deposit levels and loan demand and, therefore, its earnings.

Dramatic declines in the housing market beginning in the latter half of 2007, with falling home prices and increasing foreclosures, unemployment and underemployment, have negatively impacted the credit performance of mortgage loans and resulted in significant write-downs of asset values by some financial institutions. The resulting write-downs to assets of financial institutions have caused many financial institutions to merge with other institutions and, in some cases, to seek government assistance or bankruptcy protection.

The capital and credit markets, including the fixed income markets, have been experiencing volatility and disruption for over a year. In some cases, the markets have produced downward pressure on stock prices and credit capacity for certain issuers without regard to those issuers' financial strength.

Many lenders and institutional investors have reduced and, in some cases, ceased to provide funding to borrowers, including to other financial institutions because of concern about the stability of the financial markets and the strength of counterparties. It is difficult to predict how long these economic conditions will exist, and which of our markets, products or other businesses will ultimately be affected. Accordingly, the resulting lack of available credit, lack of confidence in the financial sector, decreased consumer confidence, increased volatility in the financial markets and reduced business activity could materially and adversely affect the Company's business, financial condition and results of operations.

As a result of the challenges presented by economic conditions, the Company has faced the following risks in connection with these events:

- Inability of borrowers to make timely repayments of their loans, or decreases in value of real estate collateral securing the payment of such loans resulting in significant credit losses, which results in increased delinquencies, foreclosures and customer bankruptcies, any of which could have a material adverse effect on the Company's operating results.
- Increased regulation of the banking industry, including heightened legal standards and regulatory requirements. Compliance with such regulation increases costs and may limit the Company's ability to pursue business opportunities.
- Further disruptions in the capital markets or other events, including actions by rating agencies and deteriorating investor expectations, may result in an inability to borrow on favorable terms or at all from other financial institutions.

The Company's profitability depends significantly on economic conditions in the geographic region in which it operates. A large percentage of the Company's loans are to individuals and businesses in Illinois, consequently, any decline in the economy of this market area could have a materially adverse effect on the Company's financial condition and results of operations.

The strength and stability of other financial institutions may adversely affect the Company's business. The actions and commercial soundness of other financial institutions could affect the Company's ability to engage in routine funding transactions. Financial services to institutions are interrelated as a result of clearing, counterparty or other relationships. The Company has exposure to different industries and counterparties, and executes transactions with various counterparties in the financial industry. Recent defaults by financial services institutions, and even rumors or questions about one or more financial services institution or the financial services industry in general, have led to market-wide liquidity problems and could lead to losses or defaults by the Company or by other institutions. Many of these transactions expose the Company to credit risk in the event of default of its counterparty or client. Any such losses could materially and adversely affect the Company's results of operations.

Changes in interest rates may negatively affect our earnings. Changes in market interest rates and prices may adversely affect the Company's financial condition or results of operations. The Company's net interest income, its largest source of revenue, is highly dependent on achieving a positive spread between the interest earned on loans and investments and the interest paid on deposits and borrowings. Changes in interest rates could negatively impact the Company's ability to attract deposits, make loans, and achieve a positive spread resulting in compression of the net interest margin.

The Company may not have sufficient cash or access to cash to satisfy current and future financial obligations, including demands for loans and deposit withdrawals, funding operating costs, payment of preferred stock dividends and for other corporate purposes. This type of liquidity risk arises whenever the maturities of financial instruments included in assets and liabilities differ. The Company's liquidity can be affected by a variety of factors, including general economic conditions, market disruption, operational problems affecting third parties or the Company, unfavorable pricing, competition, the Company's credit rating and regulatory restrictions. (See "Liquidity" herein for management's actions to mitigate this risk.)

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If the Company were unable to borrow funds through access to capital markets, it may not be able to meet the cash flow requirements of its depositors, creditors, and borrowers, or the operating cash needed to fund corporate expansion and other corporate activities. Liquidity policies and limits are established by the board of directors, with operating limits set based upon the ratio of loans to deposits and percentage of assets funded with non-core or wholesale funding. The Company regularly monitors the overall liquidity position of First Mid Bank and the parent company to ensure that various alternative strategies exist to cover unanticipated events that could affect liquidity. The Company also establishes policies and monitors guidelines to diversify First Mid Bank's wholesale funding sources to avoid concentrations in any one market source. Wholesale funding sources include Federal funds purchased, securities sold under repurchase agreements, non-core deposits, and debt. First Mid Bank is also a member of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago (FHLB), which provides funding through advances to members that are collateralized with mortgage-related assets.

First Mid Bank maintains a portfolio of securities that can be used as a secondary source of liquidity. There are other sources of liquidity available to the Company should they be needed. These sources include the sale or securitization of loans, the ability to acquire additional national market, non-core deposits, issuance of additional collateralized borrowings such as FHLB advances, the issuance of debt securities, and the issuance of preferred or common securities in public or private transactions. The Bank also can borrow from the Federal Reserve's discount window.

Starting in the middle of 2007, there has been significant turmoil and volatility in worldwide financial markets which, although there has been some improvement, is still ongoing. These conditions have resulted in a disruption in the liquidity of financial markets, and could directly impact the Company to the extent it needs to access capital markets to raise funds to support its business and overall liquidity position. This situation could affect the cost of such funds or the Company's ability to raise such funds. If the Company were unable to access any of these funding sources when needed, it might be unable to meet customers' needs, which could adversely impact its financial condition, results of operations, cash flows, and level of regulatory-qualifying capital. The Company may, from time to time, consider opportunistically retiring its outstanding securities, including its trust preferred securities and common shares in privately negotiated or open market transactions for cash. For further discussion, see the "Liquidity" section.

Loan customers or other counter-parties may not be able to perform their contractual obligations resulting in a negative impact on the Company's earnings. Overall economic conditions affecting businesses and consumers, including the current difficult economic conditions and market disruptions, could impact the Company's credit losses. In addition, real estate valuations could also impact the Company's credit losses as the Company maintains \$517 million in loans secured by commercial, agricultural, and residential real estate. A significant decline in real estate values could have a negative effect on the Company's financial condition and results of operations. In addition, the Company's total loan balances by industry exceeded 25% of total risk-based capital for each of four industries as of December 31, 2009. A listing of these industries is contained in under "Item 6. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations -- Loans" herein. A significant change in one of these industries such as a significant decline in agricultural crop prices, could adversely impact the Company's credit losses.

Continued deterioration in the real estate market could lead to additional losses, which could have a material adverse effect on the business, financial condition and results of operations or the Company. Commercial and commercial real estate loans generally involve higher credit risks than residential real estate and consumer loans. Because payments on loans secured by commercial real estate or equipment are often dependent upon the successful operation and management of the underlying assets, repayment of such loans may be influenced to a great extent by conditions in the market or the economy. Continued increases in commercial and consumer delinquency levels or continued declines in real estate market values would require increased net charge-offs and increases in the allowance for loan and lease losses, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations and prospects.

The allowance for loan losses may prove inadequate or be negatively affected by credit risk exposures. The Company's business depends on the creditworthiness of its customers. Management periodically reviews the allowance for loan and lease losses for adequacy considering economic conditions and trends, collateral values and credit quality indicators, including past charge-off experience and levels of past due loans and nonperforming assets. There is no certainty that the allowance for loan losses will be adequate over time to cover credit losses in the portfolio because of unanticipated adverse changes in the economy, market conditions or events adversely affecting specific customers, industries or markets. If the credit quality of the customer base materially decreases, if the risk profile of a market, industry or group of customers changes materially, or if the allowance for loan losses is not adequate, the Company's business, financial condition, liquidity, capital, and results of operations could be materially adversely affected.

Declines in the value of securities held in the investment portfolio may negatively affect the Company's earnings. The value of an investment in the portfolio could decrease due to changes in market factors. The market value of certain investment securities is volatile and future declines or other-than-temporary impairments could materially adversely affect the Company's future earnings and regulatory capital. Continued volatility in the market value of certain of the investment securities, whether caused by changes in market perceptions of credit risk, as reflected in the expected market yield of the security, or actual defaults in the portfolio could result in significant fluctuations in the value of the securities. This could have a material adverse impact on the Company's accumulated other comprehensive loss and shareholders' equity depending upon the direction of the fluctuations.

Furthermore, future downgrades or defaults in these securities could result in future classifications as other-than-temporarily impaired. The Company has invested in trust preferred securities issued by financial institutions and insurance companies, corporate securities of financial institutions, and stock in the Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago and Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago. Deterioration of the financial stability of the underlying financial institutions for these investments could result in other-than-temporary impairment charges to the Company and could have a material impact on future earnings. For further discussion of the Company's investments, see Note 4 – "Investment Securities."

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If the Company's stock price declines from levels at December 31, 2009, management will evaluate the goodwill balances for impairment, and if the values of the businesses have declined, the Company could recognize an impairment charge for its goodwill. Management performed an annual goodwill impairment assessment as of September 30, 2009. Based on these analyses, management concluded that the fair value of the Company's reporting units exceeded the fair value of its assets and liabilities and, therefore, goodwill was not considered impaired. It is possible that management's assumptions and conclusions regarding the valuation of the Company's lines of business could change adversely, which could result in the recognition of impairment for goodwill, which could have a material effect on the Company's financial position and future results of operations.

The Series B preferred stock impacts net income available to common stockholders and earnings per share. As long as shares of the Series B preferred stock are outstanding, no dividends may be paid on the Company's common stock unless all dividends on the Series B preferred stock have been paid in full. The dividends declared on the Series B preferred stock reduce the net income available to common stockholders and earnings per share.

Holders of the Series B preferred stock have rights that are senior to those of common stockholders. The Series B preferred stock is senior to the shares of common stock and holders of the Series B preferred stock have certain rights and preferences that are senior to holders of common stock. The Series B preferred stock will rank senior to the common stock and all other equity securities designated as ranking junior to the Series B preferred stock. So long as any shares of the Series B preferred stock remain outstanding, unless all accrued and unpaid dividends for all prior dividend periods have been paid or are contemporaneously declared and paid in full, no dividend shall be paid or declared on common stock or other junior stock, other than a dividend payable solely in common stock. The Company also may not purchase, redeem or otherwise acquire for consideration any shares of its common stock or other junior stock unless it has paid in full all accrued dividends on the Series B preferred stock for all prior dividend periods. The Series B preferred stock is entitled to a liquidation preference over shares of common stock in the event of the Company's liquidation, dissolution or winding up.

The Company may issue additional common stock or other equity securities in the future which could dilute the ownership interest of existing stockholders. In order to maintain capital at desired or regulatory-required levels or to replace existing capital, the Company may be required to issue additional shares of common stock, or securities convertible into, exchangeable for or representing rights to acquire shares of common stock. The Company may sell these shares at prices below the current market price of shares, and the sale of these shares may significantly dilute stockholder ownership. The Company could also issue additional shares in connection with acquisitions of other financial institutions.

Human error, inadequate or failed internal processes and systems, and external events may have adverse effects on the Company. Operational risk includes compliance or legal risk, which is the risk of loss from violations of, or noncompliance with, laws, rules, regulations, prescribed practices, or ethical standards. Operational risk also encompasses transaction risk, which includes losses from fraud, error, the inability to deliver products or services, and loss or theft of information. Losses resulting from operational risk could take the form of explicit charges, increased operational costs, harm to the Company's reputation or forgone opportunities. Any of these could potentially have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial condition and results of operations.

The Company is exposed to various business risks that could have a negative effect on the financial performance of the Company. These risks include: changes in customer behavior, changes in competition, new litigation or changes to existing litigation, claims and assessments, environmental liabilities, real or threatened acts of war or terrorist activity, adverse weather, changes in accounting standards, legislative or regulatory changes, taxing authority interpretations, and an inability on the Company's part to retain and attract skilled employees.

In addition to these risks identified by the Company, investments in the Company's common stock involve risk. The market price of the Company's common stock may fluctuate significantly in response to a number of factors including:



volatility of stock market prices and volumes, rumors or erroneous information, changes in market valuations of similar companies, changes in securities analysts' estimates of financial performance, and variations in quarterly or annual operating results.

ITEM 1B. UNRESOLVED STAFF COMMENTS

None.

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## ITEM 2. PROPERTIES

The Company or First Mid Bank own all of the following properties except those specifically identified as being leased.

### First Mid Bank

Mattoon. First Mid Bank's main office is located at 1515 Charleston Avenue, Mattoon, Illinois. The office building consists of a one-story structure with occupied basement, which was opened in 1965 with approximately 36,000 square feet of office space, four walk-up teller stations, and four sit-down teller stations. Adjacent to this building is a parking lot with parking for approximately seventy cars. A drive-up facility with nine drive-up lanes and a drive-up automated teller machine ("ATM") is located across the street from First Mid Bank's main office.

First Mid Bank has a facility at 333 Broadway Avenue East, Mattoon, Illinois. The one-story office building contains approximately 7,600 square feet of office space. The main floor provides space for five teller windows, two private offices, a safe deposit vault and four drive-up lanes. There is adequate parking located adjacent to the building. A drive-up ATM is located adjacent to the building.

First Mid Bank leases a facility at 1504-A Lakeland Boulevard, Mattoon, Illinois that provides space for three tellers, two drive-up lanes and a drive-up ATM.

First Mid Bank owns a facility located at 1520 Charleston Avenue, Mattoon, Illinois, which is used as the corporate headquarters of the Company and is used by MIDS for its data processing and back room operations for the Company and First Mid Bank. The office building consists of a two-story structure with an occupied basement that has approximately 20,000 square feet of office space.

The Company owns a facility at 1500 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, Illinois, which is used by the loan and deposit services departments of First Mid Bank. The office building consists of a two-story structure with a basement that has approximately 11,200 square feet of office space.

First Mid Bank leases a facility located at 14th and Charleston, Mattoon, Illinois which is used by the trust and investment services departments of First Mid Bank. The office space, comprised of approximately 2,100 square feet, contains five offices, one conference rooms, a file room and a waiting/reception area. Adequate parking is available to serve customers.

There are four additional ATMs located in Mattoon. They are located in the Administration building of Lake Land College, in the main lobby of Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center, at R.R. Donnelley & Sons Co. on North Route 45 and County Market at 2000 Western Avenue.

Sullivan. First Mid Bank operates one location in Sullivan, Illinois. The main office is located at 200 South Hamilton Street, Sullivan, Illinois. Its office building is a one-story structure containing approximately 11,400 square feet of office space with five teller windows, six private offices and four drive-up lanes. Adequate customer parking is available on two sides of the main office building. There is also a walk-up ATM located in the Sullivan Citgo Station at 105 West Jackson.

Neoga. First Mid Bank's office in Neoga, Illinois, is located at 102 East Sixth Street, Neoga, Illinois. The building consists of a one-story structure containing approximately 4,000 square feet of office space. The main office building provides space for four tellers in the lobby of the building, two drive-up tellers, four private offices, two night depositories, and an ATM. Adequate customer parking is available on three sides of the main office building.

Tuscola. First Mid Bank operates an office in Tuscola, Illinois, which is located at 410 South Main Street. The all brick building consists of a one-story structure with approximately 4,000 square feet of office space. This main office building provides for four lobby tellers, two drive-up tellers, four private offices, a conference room, four drive-through lanes, including one with a drive-up ATM and one with a drive-up night depository. Adequate customer parking is available outside the main entrance.

Charleston. The main office, acquired in March 1997, is located at 500 West Lincoln Avenue, Charleston, Illinois. This one-story facility contains approximately 8,400 square feet with five teller stations, eight private offices and four drive-up lanes.

A second facility is located at 701 Sixth Street, Charleston, Illinois. It is a one-story facility with an attached two-bay drive-up structure and consists of approximately 5,500 square feet of office space. Adequate parking is available to serve its customers. The office space is comprised of three teller stations, three private offices, storage area, and a night depository. Approximately 2,200 square feet of this building is rented out to non-affiliated companies.

The third facility consists of approximately 400 square feet of leased space at the Martin Luther King Student Union on the Eastern Illinois University campus. The facility has two walk-up teller stations and two sit-down teller/CSR stations.

Seven ATMs are located in Charleston. One drive-up ATM is located in the parking lot of the facility at 500 West Lincoln Avenue, one in the parking lot of Save-A-Lot at 1400 East Lincoln Avenue, and one drive-up ATM is located in the parking lot of the Sixth Street facility. The fourth is an off-site walk-up ATM located in the Student Union at Eastern Illinois University and the fifth is a walk-up ATM located in Lantz Arena at Eastern Illinois University. The sixth ATM is a drive-up unit located on the Eastern Illinois University campus in a parking lot at the corner of Ninth Street and Roosevelt and the seventh is a drive-up unit located on the Eastern Illinois University campus in a parking lot at the corner of Fourth Street and Roosevelt.

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Champaign. First Mid Bank leases a facility at 2229 South Neil Street, Champaign, Illinois. The office space, comprised of approximately 3,496 square feet, contains six lobby teller windows, two drive-up lanes, one drive-up ATM, a night depository, four private offices, and a conference room. Adequate customer parking is available to serve customers.

First Mid Bank also leases a facility at 913A West Marketview, Champaign, Illinois, located in the Rural King Store. The office space is approximately 1,276 square feet, contains three teller stations, two private offices, a walk-up ATM, a night depository and a conference room.

Urbana. First Mid Bank owns a facility located at 601 South Vine Street, Urbana, Illinois. Its office building consists of a one-story structure and contains approximately 3,600 square feet. The office building provides space for three tellers, two private offices and two drive-up lanes. An ATM machine is located in front of the building. An adequate customer parking lot is located on the south side of the building.

Effingham. First Mid Bank operates a facility at 902 North Keller Drive, Effingham, Illinois. The building is a two-story structure with approximately 4,000 square feet of office space. This office space consists of four teller stations, three drive-up teller lanes, five private offices and a night depository. Adequate parking is available to customers in front of the facility.

First Mid Bank also owns property at 900 North Keller Drive, Effingham, Illinois that provides additional customer parking along with a drive-up ATM.

Altamont. First Mid Bank has a banking facility located at 101 West Washington Street, Altamont, Illinois. This building is a one-story structure that has approximately 4,300 square feet of office space. The office space consists of nine teller windows, three drive-up teller lanes (one of which facilitates an ATM), seven private offices, one conference room and a night depository. Adequate parking is available on three sides of the building.

Arcola. First Mid Bank owns a facility at 249 West Springfield Road, Arcola, Illinois. This building is a one-story structure with approximately 2,800 square feet of office space. This office space consists of three lobby teller stations, three drive-up teller lanes, three private offices, a conference room, safe deposit vault and a night depository. A drive-up ATM lane is available adjacent to the teller lanes. Adequate parking is available to customers in front of the facility. There are also two additional ATMs located at the Arcola Citgo Station on Route 133 at Interstate Five and the Arthur Citgo Station at 209 North Vine.

Monticello. First Mid Bank has two offices in Monticello. The main facility is located on the northeast corner of the historic town square at 100 West Washington Street. This building is a two-story structure that has 8,000 square feet of office space consisting of five teller stations, seven private offices, and a night depository. The second floor is furnished and the basement is used for storage. Adequate parking is available to customers in back of the facility.

A second facility is located at 219 West Center Street, Monticello, Illinois. It is a one-story facility with two lobby teller stations and an attached two-bay drive-up structure with a drive-up ATM and a night depository. Adequate parking is available to serve its customers.

Taylorville. First Mid Bank has a banking facility located at 200 North Main Street, Taylorville, Illinois. This one-story building has approximately 3,700 square feet with five teller stations, three private offices, one drive-up lane, and a finished basement. A drive-up ATM is located in the parking lot and adequate customer parking is available adjacent to the building.

Decatur. First Mid Bank leases a facility at 111 E. Main Street, Decatur, Illinois. The office space comprised of 4,340 square feet contains three lobby teller windows, two drive-up lanes, a night depository, three private offices, safe

deposit and loan vaults, and a conference room. Customer parking is available adjacent to the building.

First Mid Bank also leases a facility at 3101 North Water Street, Decatur, Illinois. This one-story facility has approximately 768 square feet of office space. This office space consists of two lobby teller windows, four drive-up teller lanes and a drive-up ATM.

Highland. First Mid Bank owns a facility located at 12616 State Route 143, Highland, Illinois. The building is a two-story structure with approximately 6,720 square feet of office space, a portion of which is leased to an unaffiliated business. This office space consists of a customer service area and teller windows, three drive-up teller lanes, an ATM and four private offices. Adequate parking is available to serve customers.

First Mid Bank leases a facility located at 1301 Broadway, Highland, Illinois. The office space, comprised of 1300 square feet, contains three lobby teller windows, two drive-up lanes and one drive-up ATM, a night depository, two private offices, safe deposit and loan vaults and a conference room. Adequate parking is available to serve customers.

St. Jacob. First Mid Bank rents property at 705 N. Douglas Street, St. Jacob, Illinois where a drive-up ATM is located.

Pocahontas. First Mid Bank owns a facility located at 103 Park Street, Pocahontas, Illinois. The building is a one-story brick structure with approximately 3,360 square feet of office space. This office space consists of a customer processing room, three private offices and three bank vaults. Adequate parking is available to serve customers.

First Mid Bank also has an ATM at 4 O'Fallon Street in Powhaten Restaurant.

Maryville. First Mid leases a facility located at 2930 North Center Street, Maryville, Illinois. The office space, comprised of approximately 6,684 square feet, contains four lobby teller windows, including one sit-down teller, two drive-up lanes, one drive-up ATM, a night depository, three private offices, a vault, and a conference room. Adequate customer parking is available to serve customers.

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Mansfield. First Mid Bank owns a facility at 1 Jefferson, Mansfield, Illinois. The building is a one-story structure with approximately 3,695 square feet of office space which contains a lobby with teller windows, one drive-up lane, three private offices, a vault, a conference room and a basement used for storage. Customer parking is available adjacent to the building.

Mahomet. First Mid Bank owns a facility located at 504 E. Oak Street, Mahomet, Illinois. The building is a one-story structure with approximately 3,045 square feet of office space which contains a lobby with teller windows, a drive-up lane, an ATM, two private offices, a vault, a conference room and a basement used for storage. Adequate customer parking is available to serve customers.

Weldon. First Mid Bank owns a facility located at Oak and Maple, Weldon, Illinois. The building is a two-story structure with approximately 5,964 square feet of office space which contains a lobby with teller windows, a drive-up lane, four private offices, two vaults, a conference room and a basement used for storage. Offices on the second floor have been leased to a separate entity. Adequate customer parking is available to serve customers.

Checkley

Mattoon. Checkley leases a facility located at 100 Lerna South, Mattoon, Illinois. The office space, comprised of approximately 8,829 square feet, contains ten offices, two conference rooms, a file room and an open work area that can accommodate nine workstations. Adequate parking is available to serve customers.

### ITEM 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

Since First Mid Bank acts as a depository of funds, it is named from time to time as a defendant in lawsuits (such as garnishment proceedings) involving claims to the ownership of funds in particular accounts. Management believes that all such litigation as well as other pending legal proceedings, in which the Company is involved, constitute ordinary routine litigation incidental to the business of the Company and that such litigation will not materially adversely affect the Company's consolidated financial condition or results of operations.

ITEM 4. [RESERVED]

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## PART II

## ITEM 5. MARKET FOR REGISTRANT'S COMMON EQUITY, RELATED SHAREHOLDER MATTERS AND ISSUER OF PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES

The Company's common stock was held by approximately 609 shareholders of record as of December 31, 2009 and is included for quotation on the over-the-counter electronic bulletin board.

The following table shows the high and low bid prices per share of the Company's common stock for the indicated periods. These quotations represent inter-dealer prices without retail mark-ups, mark-downs or commissions and may not necessarily represent actual transactions.

Quarter	High	Low
2009		
4th	\$19.90	\$16.55
3rd	\$19.90	\$17.10
2nd	\$20.00	\$16.00
1st	\$22.20	\$18.00
2008		
4th	\$26.00	\$13.00
3rd	\$28.50	\$24.45
2nd	\$27.75	\$24.90
1st	\$26.15	\$23.40

The following table sets forth the cash dividends per share on the Company's common stock for the last two years.

Date Declared	Date Paid	Dividend Per Share
12-15-2009	1-07-2010	\$.190
4-29-2009	6-08-2009	\$.190
12-16-2008	1-05-2009	\$.190
4-30-2008	6-16-2008	\$.190

On June 29, 2007, the Company effected a three-for-two stock split in the form of a 50% stock dividend. Par value remained at \$4 per share. All share and per share amounts have been restated for years prior to 2007 to give retroactive recognition to the stock split.

The Company's shareholders are entitled to receive such dividends as are declared by the Board of Directors, which considers payment of dividends semi-annually. The ability of the Company to pay dividends, as well as fund its operations, is dependent upon receipt of dividends from First Mid Bank. Regulatory authorities limit the amount of dividends that can be paid by First Mid Bank without prior approval from such authorities. For further discussion of First Mid Bank's dividend restrictions, see Item 1 – "Business" – "First Mid Bank" – "Dividends" and Note 17 – "Dividend

Restrictions” herein. The Board of Directors of the Company declared cash dividends semi-annually during the two years ended December 31, 2009.

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The following table summarizes share repurchase activity for the fourth quarter of 2009:

ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES				
Period	(a) Total Number of Shares Purchased	(b) Average Price Paid per Share	(c) Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs	(d) Approximate Dollar Value of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs at End of Period
October 1, 2009 – October 31, 2009	0	\$0.00	0	\$4,860,000
November 1, 2009 – November 30, 2009	41,756	\$18.61	41,756	\$4,083,000
December 1, 2009 – December 31, 2009	35,215	\$18.91	35,215	\$3,417,000
Total	76,971	\$18.75	76,971	\$3,417,000

Since August 5, 1998, the Board of Directors has approved repurchase programs pursuant to which the Company may repurchase a total of approximately \$56.7 million of the Company's common stock. The repurchase programs approved by the Board of Directors are as follows:

- On August 5, 1998, repurchases of up to 3%, or \$2 million, of the Company's common stock.
- In March 2000, repurchases up to an additional 5%, or \$4.2 million of the Company's common stock.
- In September 2001, repurchases of \$3 million of additional shares of the Company's common stock.
- In August 2002, repurchases of \$5 million of additional shares of the Company's common stock.
- In September 2003, repurchases of \$10 million of additional shares of the Company's common stock.
- On April 27, 2004, repurchases of \$5 million of additional shares of the Company's common stock.
- On August 23, 2005, repurchases of \$5 million of additional shares of the Company's common stock.
- On August 22, 2006, repurchases of \$5 million of additional shares of the Company's common stock.
- On February 27, 2007, repurchases of \$5 million of additional shares of the Company's common stock.
- On November 13, 2007, repurchases of \$5 million of additional shares of the Company's common stock.
- On December 16, 2008, repurchases of \$2.5 million of additional shares of the Company's common stock.
- On May 26, 2009, repurchases of \$5 million of additional shares of the Company's common stock.



## ITEM 6. SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA

The following sets forth a five-year comparison of selected financial data (dollars in thousands, except per share data).

	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
<b>Summary of Operations</b>					
Interest income	\$51,409	\$57,066	\$59,931	\$55,556	\$44,580
Interest expense	15,837	21,344	28,429	24,712	15,687
Net interest income	35,572	35,722	31,502	30,844	28,893
Provision for loan losses	3,594	3,559	862	760	1,091
Other income	13,455	15,264	14,661	13,380	12,518
Other expense	33,212	31,460	30,055	28,423	25,385
Income before income taxes	12,221	15,967	15,246	15,041	14,935
Income tax expense	4,007	5,443	5,087	5,032	5,128
Net income	8,214	10,524	10,159	10,009	9,807
Dividends on preferred shares	1,821	-	-	-	-
Net income available to common stockholders	\$6,393	\$10,524	\$10,159	\$10,009	\$9,807
<b>Per Common Share Data (1)</b>					
Basic earnings per share	\$1.04	\$1.69	\$1.60	\$1.54	\$1.48
Diluted earnings per share	1.04	1.67	1.57	1.51	1.44
Dividends per share	.38	.38	.38	.35	.33
Book value per share	14.23	13.50	12.82	11.78	10.98
<b>Capital Ratios</b>					
Total capital to risk-weighted assets	15.76	% 11.99	% 11.13	% 10.91	% 11.87
Tier 1 capital to risk-weighted assets	14.57	% 11.02	% 10.32	% 10.10	% 11.14
Tier 1 capital to average assets	10.63	% 8.41	% 7.89	% 7.56	% 8.55
<b>Financial Ratios</b>					
Net interest margin	3.40	% 3.73	% 3.43	% 3.51	% 3.70
Return on average assets	.74	% 1.03	% 1.03	% 1.07	% 1.18
Return on average common equity	9.56	% 12.87	% 13.06	% 13.31	% 13.64
Dividend on common shares payout ratio	36.54	% 22.49	% 23.75	% 22.51	% 22.55
Average equity to average assets	9.59	% 8.00	% 7.90	% 8.01	% 8.64
Allowance for loan losses as a percent of total loans	1.35	% 1.02	% 0.82	% 0.81	% 0.73
<b>Year End Balances</b>					
Total assets	\$1,095,155	\$1,049,700	\$1,016,338	\$980,559	\$850,573
Net loans	691,288	734,351	742,043	717,692	631,707
Total deposits	840,410	806,354	770,583	770,595	649,069
Total equity	111,221	82,778	80,452	75,786	72,326
<b>Average Balances</b>					
Total assets	\$1,108,669	\$1,022,734	\$985,230	\$938,784	\$832,752
Net loans	692,961	733,681	722,672	686,069	606,064
Total deposits	744,043	795,786	771,561	737,344	650,116
Total equity	106,295	81,793	77,787	75,174	71,911

(1) All share and per share data have been restated to reflect the 3-for-2 stock split effective June 29, 2007.



ITEM 7. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS