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**Dennis Hunt Named Executive Vice President of  
Public Finance at Stephens Inc.**

*Longtime Manager Mark McBryde steps down after 20 Years*

(LITTLE ROCK, AR: February 3, 2015) – Warren Stephens, Chairman, President and CEO of Stephens Inc. announced today, the promotion and appointment of Dennis Hunt to Executive Vice President and Manager of the Firm’s Public Finance Division.

Mr. Hunt succeeds Mark McBryde, who is stepping down after 40 years at Stephens Inc., but he will continue to serve as an advisor to the Division. Mr. McBryde and Mr. Hunt have worked together closely for more than two years to accomplish a successful transition.

Mr. Stephens commented that he had never seen a smoother transition of division managers during his time at Stephens. “We are fortunate that we were able to promote from within our own ranks. Our Public Finance group is one of the oldest divisions of the firm, dating back more than 80 years. Mark has managed the division for the last 20 years, growing our presence across the Southeast. Dennis has led a successful effort for us for several years in Northwest Arkansas. Our clients and our staff know Dennis, and we are pleased to have him succeed Mark.”

Since 1993, Mr. Hunt has served as an investment banker and Public Finance manager in Stephens’ Northwest Arkansas office. He has extensive experience in municipal financings, having served as the Senior Banker to issuers throughout Arkansas. Over the last few years, he has structured more than two billion dollars in tax exempt and taxable bond issues. Mr. Hunt holds a master's degree with honors from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville and has completed post-graduate training at Harvard University, the University of Texas and the University of Virginia.

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