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Lansing Native Selected for Board Service

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Lansing, Michigan: November 6, 2001 - The Board of Directors of Capitol Bancorp Limited (NASDAQ:CBCL) today announced the election of Cristin Reid English to the position of director of the corporation. This Lansing-based corporation and its 17 directors have overseen the development and operation of 27 separate community banks located in six states.

Reid English is a native of Lansing who graduated with honor from Lansing Catholic Central High School. She received her Bachelor Degree in Biology from Kalamazoo College in 1990, a Juris Doctorate from The University of Toledo College of Law in 1992, and Masters in Business Administration from the University of Michigan in 1995. She is a member of both the Michigan and Arizona Bar Associations.

In addition to her director duties, Ms. Reid English serves as executive vice president of the corporation and the five affiliated bank holding companies. In addition to Michigan, the corporation operates in the states of Arizona, Indiana, Nevada, New Mexico and California.