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Brookline Bank Appoints Two New Business Banking Officers

BROOKLINE, MA, June 21, 2010 – Brookline Bank is pleased to announce that Edward Besinger and George Drugas have joined the Bank as Business Banking Officers.

Ed Besinger, based out of Brookline Bank’s newly opened Wellesley Lower Falls office, is covering the bank’s southwest region. A resident of Milton, Ed was most recently with Sovereign Bank where he was responsible for retaining and expanding an assigned portfolio of small business clients and recognized as a top performer in small business loans and lines of credit for the Metro Boston district in 2008 and 2009.

George Drugas, will be located in the Bank’s new Burlington, Crossroads Plaza branch and will cover the bank’s northwest region. George, a Somerville resident, is a seasoned banking professional, who is also joining the bank from Sovereign where he spent eight years in a variety leadership positions within both the business and community banking areas.



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George Drugas, Business Banking Officer
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“The addition of Ed and George to our business banking team gives Brookline Bank the leadership and experience to service current business customers in the areas they cover, as well expand our portfolio,” said Jason Trinque, Business Banking Team Leader.

Mr. Besinger and Mr. Drugas will be partnering with Brookline Bank branches in their respective regions to provide customized lending, deposit and cash management services to businesses and their owners.

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