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**Helena Fonseca Appointed Branch Manager for
Brookline Bank’s New Office in Wellesley**

Brookline, MA, May 20, 2010 – In June, Brookline Bank will open its 20th branch office in Wellesley and has named Helena R. Fonseca to lead its expansion into the area as Branch Manager.

Fonseca has more than 14 years of banking experience having worked at The Boston Company, Mellon Bank and PNC Bank. Most recently, Fonseca was branch manager at Citizens Bank covering Boston, Natick, Newton, and for 5 years, in Wellesley.

Helena will be overseeing an experienced staff of banking professionals who are trained to work closely with customers to customize Brookline Bank’s full range of banking services to their specific needs. She will also be partnering with Ed Besinger, Business Banking Officer, to meet the financial needs of local businesses.

“We are thrilled that Helena is leading our team as Brookline Bank moves into Wellesley,” said Jane Wolchonok, Senior Vice President at Brookline Bank.” “Her solid banking experience and understanding of the needs of the Wellesley community is essential to our success.”

Brookline Bank’s new branch office is located at 5 Washington Street, Wellesley, MA. With the addition of the Wellesley branch office, Brookline Bank has twenty branches in the greater Boston area including 3 in Newton and one in Needham.



Photo: New Brookline Bank Wellesley Branch Manager, Helena Fonseca.

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