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**M. Robert Rose and James Cosman Join Brookline Bank as
Chief Credit Officer and Director of Operations**

Brookline, MA, 07/20/2009-Paul P. Perrault, CEO of Brookline Bank recently announced that M. Robert Rose and James Cosman have joined the Bank in the newly created positions of Chief Credit Officer and Director of Operations.

M. Robert Rose who will serve as Chief Credit Officer comes to Brookline Bank with 20+ years of credit experience. He recently served as Chief Risk Officer for Sovereign Bank and prior to that, as Director, Portfolio and Market Risk Management for Bank Boston.

With extensive knowledge and experience in the credit field, Mr. Rose will be responsible for the policies and procedures related to Brookline Bank's lending activities, loan review function and the management of allowances and loan losses.

James Cosman, in the new position of Director of Operations, comes to Brookline Bank with 25 years of general management experience- his most recent position as Managing Director of bank-wide operations for Sovereign. Mr. Cosman's career began at Bay Bank where his responsibilities ranged from lending, marketing, managing credit and mortgage operations.

Mr. Cosman's new role at Brookline Bank will consist of managing a unit including loan servicing, deposit services, consumer loan processing, information technology and facilities.

Mr. Rose and Mr. Cosman will begin at Brookline Bank on August 3.