

**James Albridge Joins Brookline Bank
as Regional Vice President of Retail Banking**

Brookline, MA, 02/04/08 – Brookline Bank announced earlier this week, that James A. Albridge has joined the Bank as Regional Vice President of the Retail Banking division.

Albridge comes to Brookline Bank with over 22 years of Retail Banking experience. His most recent position was with Bank of America as Assistant Vice President and Banking Center Manager II. He has also held various Trust and Retail Banking positions with TD BankNorth, the former BankBoston and Guaranty Banks in Worcester and Leominster.

Albridge will be responsible for the branches located north of Boston and the Bank's Call Center.

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