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## **New Hires, Promotions for CapStar Bank**

*Internal Restructuring Anticipates Growth*

**NASHVILLE, TN– March 1, 2012.** CapStar Bank president and Chief Executive Officer Claire W. Tucker has announced several staff additions as well as internal restructuring that prepares the bank for continued growth over the next several years.

**Jerry Craig**, formerly Operations Department Manager and one of the bank's earliest employees, has been promoted to head a newly created department that will manage the bank's BSA (Bank Secrecy Act) compliance, information technology and networking. Craig was instrumental in development and implementation of CapStar's operations infrastructure. After almost 20 years as manager of commercial collateral control and commercial loan services at AmSouth Bank (now Regions), Craig managed the loan servicing center at FirstBank in Lexington, TN.

**Sandi Lanier** will assume the role of Operations Department Manager, while retaining her current role as CapStar's Compliance Officer. Lanier previously served as Vice President and Regional Manager of Commercial Funding at Fifth Third Bank. In her 35 years in banking, Lanier has provided leadership in the areas of lending at a number of financial institutions, including Franklin National Bank, First National Bank of Knoxville and Nashville City Bank and Trust.

CapStar's Commercial Finance Division has added **Michael Russing** as a senior account executive. Russing has 15 years of experience in the Charlotte market, having worked with Bank of America, the Bank of North Carolina and Textron, Inc. He earned a B.A. in Business Administration from the University of Leeds Devonshire, and was a PGA Class A Professional at the University of North Carolina. Russing will continue to be based in Charlotte, NC.

**Craig Citti**, with more than 20 years of financial underwriting experience, is a new credit analyst at CapStar. For five years, Citti was a senior credit analyst at OCE Financial Services, Inc. He also held several sales and risk management roles with various Chicago area financial institutions, including Bank One, Bankers Leasing/Citicorp and GE Capital. He earned a B.S. in Finance from the Indiana School of Business at Indiana University and attended the American Bankers Association National Commercial Lending School at Oklahoma University.

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**Kendria Northcutt** is CapStar's senior consumer credit underwriting specialist, leading the team that facilitates and reviews lending for consumers, private banking clients, athletes and small businesses. She had been a commercial credit analyst with US Bank, after serving as a commercial real estate analyst and assistant branch manager for Regions Bank. Early in her career, Northcutt was a project engineer with Merville & Howe Engineering. She has a B.S. in Civil Engineering from the University of Tennessee and an M.B.A. in Economics from Middle Tennessee State University.

**Liana Morris** has been appointed senior transaction coordinator supporting documentation for the Commercial Finance Group. She previously worked as a commercial loan closer at Fifth Third Bank. Morris earned her paralegal certificate in 1997 and has coordinated the loan closing process for law firms Stites & Harbison and Wyatt, Tarrant & Combs. She is a graduate of Overton High School.

**Melanie Smith** has been hired as a document imaging technician in CapStar's operations department. She was most recently a closing support specialist with HomeTelos, and has also held various roles within mortgage lending departments at Avalon Financial Group, Equicredit Corporation and Wells Fargo. Smith graduated from Middle Tennessee State University with a concentration in Business Administration.

**Uykia Phillips** has been promoted to operations specialist. Phillips started at CapStar in 2008 as a client services representative in the Brentwood office, after serving as a wealth management coordinator for Genspring Family Offices, a division of SunTrust. She earned a B.S. in Social Work with a minor in criminology from Western Kentucky University.

**Karen Rohling**, previously a financial services representative in the Green Hills office, has been promoted to client services representative supporting relationship managers in the Brentwood office. Prior to coming to CapStar in 2008, Rohling was a mortgage closing coordinator for Watauga Title Company and had worked as an event planner for Vanderbilt University Catering. She is a graduate of the University of Mississippi.

CapStar Bank opened on July 14, 2008 and is in the process of merging with American Security Bank in Sumner County and acquiring the Cool Springs office of Community First Bank and Trust. CapStar's headquarters are in downtown Nashville at 401 Church Street, Suite 900, with branches at 5500 Maryland Way in Brentwood and at 2321 Crestmoor Road in Green Hills. For more information about CapStar Bank, please visit [www.CapStarBank.com](http://www.CapStarBank.com).

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