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## **Newtown Savings Bank Announces Officer Promotions**

NEWTOWN, CT – The following employees were recently promoted at Newtown Savings Bank.

Mary Jascha has been promoted to First Vice President, Senior Commercial Lending Officer, and now manages the Commercial Lending and Credit Services departments. Ms. Jascha has over 28 years of commercial lending experience, and since joining the Bank in 2013 has demonstrated her lending and leadership skills on a daily basis. She also serves on the Kennedy Center Finance Committee and the Housatonic Community College Foundation. A graduate of Wagner College, Ms. Jascha lives in Monroe with her family.

**Karin O'Brien** was promoted to Vice President, BSA Officer and manages the BSA, Fraud and Risk Management department. Her expertise helps to ensure the Bank's regulatory compliance and mitigates fraud losses. Ms. O'Brien, a Redding resident, joined the bank in 2015, and has over 25 years of banking experience. She has a Bachelor's degree from Manhattanville College, and recently attained Anti Money Laundering Specialist certification.

**Nick Bryan** now holds the position of Assistant Vice President, Senior Accountant in the Bank's Finance department, and plays a key role in the Bank's annual budgeting process and many other Finance related projects. He joined the bank in 2009, and has a Bachelor's degree from the University of Rhode Island. A resident of New Fairfield, Mr. Bryan regularly volunteers with the United Way of Western Connecticut.

**Erik Secola**, **Laura Krauss** and **Rhonda McEwen-Thompson** have all been promoted to Assistant Treasurer.

Mr. Secola joined the Bank's Information Technology (IT) department in 2007, and as the Bank's Network Administrator, he is directly responsible for maintaining the day-to-day stability of the Bank's IT Infrastructure. Mr. Secola graduated from the University of Pittsburgh with a Bachelor's degree in Information Sciences. Formerly from Newtown, he is a Bethel resident, and volunteers annually for the Newtown Labor Day Parade and Saint Mary School in Bethel.

Ms. Krauss began her career at Newtown Savings Bank in 2011 as a part time teller. After attaining her MBA at Sacred Heart University in 2014, she joined the Bank's Credit department and rose to the level of Senior Credit Analyst. She recently became a Portfolio Manager in the Commercial loan department. Ms. Krauss, a resident of Shelton, volunteers with Habitat for Humanity, and serves as co-leader of the Bank's annual food drive to benefit local food pantries.

Ms. McEwen-Thompson is the Bank's Manager of Employee Relations and Talent Acquisition. She joined the Bank in 2011, and the Human Resources team in 2013, and has continually

increased her proficiency in the Human Resources field including recently achieving the designation of Society for Human Resource Management - Certified Professional. Ms. McEwen-Thompson is an Oxford resident, and holds a Bachelor's degree from the University of New Haven. She has volunteered her time leading the Bank's annual United Way Day of Action Team for the past 5 years.

Newtown Savings Bank is a community bank headquartered in Newtown, Connecticut, with over \$1.2 billion in assets. The Bank has 14 branches in Newtown, Bethel, Brookfield, Danbury, Monroe, Oxford, Shelton, Southbury, Trumbull and Woodbury, along with the New Haven Regional Lending Center in Hamden, CT. For more information and location details visit NSBonline.com or call 800.461.0672.