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**Newtown Savings Bank Announces Officer Promotions**

**Promoted to Vice President:**

**Peter Gerardi – Vice President, Regional Market Manager**

Mr. Gerardi joined the Bank in 2016 as manager of the Shelton branch and moved to the Brookfield branch before being named as Regional Manager two years ago. Under his leadership the Bank's Brookfield market share has grown considerably, and as Regional Manager he has done an excellent job coaching and mentoring his team. A resident of Brookfield, Mr. Gerardi has a bachelor's degree in Finance from Western Connecticut State University and is very active in the Brookfield community, with involvements including the Economic Development Committee, Brookfield Chamber of Commerce, and the YMCA.

**Nancy Kuhn – Vice President, Regional Market Manager**

Ms. Kuhn joined the Bank in 2014 as manager of the Trumbull branch before being named to the newly created role of Regional Manager two years ago. Ms. Kuhn has overseen continued market share growth in the Trumbull market, and has done an excellent job of coaching and developing her team. A resident of Newtown, Ms. Kuhn has a bachelor's degree from Albertus Magnus College in Management Science. She serves on the boards of the Bridgeport Regional Business Council, Hall Neighborhood House, Trumbull Rotary and Trumbull BEI, and is also Chairperson of the Trumbull Chamber of Commerce.

**Katie Smith – Vice President, Regional Experience Manager**

Ms. Smith started her career at the bank in 2002 as a teller. Since that time, she has taken on positions of increasing responsibility, becoming the Branch Manager in Bethel prior to becoming a Regional Experience Manager two years ago. A graduate of the Connecticut School of Finance & Management, she was honored by the Connecticut Bankers Association as one of its New Leaders in Banking in 2019. A resident of Newtown, Ms. Smith has served the community as co-chair of the Newtown Youth and Family Services Victorian Tea event and by volunteering at the Adams House, CH Booth Library, DCF, Monroe Food Pantry and the Bank's Food Drive.

**Promoted to Assistant Vice President:**

**Jennifer Blatchley – AVP, Customer Experience Manager II**

Ms. Blatchley joined the Bank in 2003 and has taken on positions of increasing responsibility, leading to her role as Customer Experience Manager in the Bank's main office. Late last year she accepted the new role of leading the Bank's Customer Service Center while also serving as Customer Experience Manager for the new Plaza South branch in Newtown. A resident of Oxford, she is a 2015 graduate from the Connecticut School of Finance & Management and serves on the Board of the Merry Hill Day Care Center in Newtown.

**Rebecca Brown – AVP, Manager – Learning & Development**

Ms. Brown joined the Bank in 2013 as manager of the Sand Hill branch in Newtown. Last year she became Manager of Learning & Development and has done an outstanding job of developing a comprehensive employee training program. Ms. Brown, a resident of Newtown, serves on the Bank's CRA and IT Steering committees, was co-chair of this year's United Way employee campaign and serves as a Board and Committee member at Newtown Youth & Family Services. She graduated from Western CT State University with a bachelor's degree in business administration.

**Nadine Paine – AVP, Financial Advisor**

Ms. Paine joined the Bank in 2010 in the Southbury branch prior to joining Newtown Investment Solutions in 2013. A summa cum laude graduate of Western CT State University, Ms. Paine obtained her licenses to work as an investment sales assistant, then became a Financial Advisor, and has progressively taken on increased responsibilities while providing her clients with outstanding service. A resident of Southbury, Ms. Paine serves as the Treasurer of the Newtown Labor Day parade and volunteers with the Shelton Senior Center.

**Promoted to Assistance Treasurer**

**Amber Austin – AT, Loan Servicing Investor & Programming Manager**

Since joining the Bank in 2013, Ms. Austin has taken on positions of increasing responsibility within the Loan Servicing Department, and as the Loan Servicing Investor & Programming Manager has continued to assume new roles and responsibilities. A resident of Oakville, Ms. Austin serves the community as a volunteer for multiple organizations including Habitat for Humanity and Catholic Family Charities.

**Leonid Sharshukov – AT, Senior Credit Analyst**

Mr. Sharshukov joined the Bank as a credit analyst in 2017 and progressed rapidly through the various levels of credit analyst, leading to his promotion to Senior Credit Analyst effective January 1<sup>st</sup>. During 2020 he contributed significantly to the Bank's Covid response efforts to help the Bank's business borrowers and played a key role in the Bank's loan stress testing efforts. A resident of Danbury, Mr. Sharshukov has a bachelor's degree in Business Economics from SUNY Oneonta and volunteers with Habitat for Humanity.

**Kelly Williams – AT, Residential Finance & Operational Analyst**

Ms. Williams joined the Bank in 2019 as Residential Finance and Operational Analyst. Since that time, she has used her strong knowledge of both lending and accounting and finance to identify and implement improvements to residential lending budgeting, profitability analysis, and reporting. A resident of Cheshire, Ms. Williams holds an MBA from Central CT State University, and a bachelor's degree in Accounting from Southern CT State University. She volunteers her time with Ann's Place as well as for youth sports organizations.

**About Newtown Savings Bank**

*Newtown Savings Bank is a community bank headquartered in Newtown, Connecticut, with over \$1.3 billion in assets. Recently named "Best Small Bank in Connecticut" by Newsweek, the Bank has been deeply invested in the customers and communities that it serves since 1855, and 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 [www.NSBonline.com](http://www.NSBonline.com) or call 800.461.0672. Newtown Savings Bank - The Power of Local.*