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**Chris Jarvis, New Branch President, Merchants Bank's Kennedy Drive**

*SOUTH BURLINGTON, VT*—Executive Vice President Thomas S. Leavitt announced the appointment of Christopher H. Jarvis to Branch President for Merchant Bank's Kennedy Drive office. He succeeds Prielle S. Kane, who is relocating to Connecticut. Jarvis will lead a team that includes Personal Banker/Lender, Deb McDurfee, along with Personal Bankers, Shawn Nelson, Jenny Cooper and Amanda Broz.

Jarvis joined Merchants Bank in September of 1994 as a Floating Teller for the Chittenden County region, later settling into the Kennedy Drive Branch as a Customer Representative then as a Corporate Banking Administrator. In 1999, Jarvis was promoted to Branch President of the Kennedy Drive office until 2004, at which point he made the transition into the Corporate Banking division as a Corporate Banking Officer. Jarvis also served as a Loaned Executive for the United Way of Chittenden County.

"I look forward to my new position and working with an experienced team that is known for delivering exceptional customer service," said Jarvis.

Jarvis resides in South Burlington with his family, where he is active in the community, helping to coach the South Burlington Youth Lacrosse boys' seventh- and eighth-grade teams. He remains active with the Bank's United Way campaign, serving on the Community Investment team, in addition to holding the position of Vice President for the Merchants Bank Foundation. Jarvis also has a longstanding involvement with the Northern Vermont Chapter of the American Red Cross.



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