



PRIVATE BANK

of Buckhead

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Susan Ahern

Ahern promoted, will serve as SVP of Operations

Atlanta, September 29, 2010 – Private Bank of Buckhead (PBB) continues its growth and expansion with the promotion of Susan Ahern to Senior Vice President of Operations. The native Atlantan was part of the original team when the bank opened in December 2006, and previously served as Vice President of Operations.

“Ultimately, what has continued to set us apart,” says Terry Freeman, chief operating officer and CFO of the bank, “is first-class banking and financial services delivered by highly experienced professionals like Susan. She helps build the strong risk management foundation of the bank, and that benefits our clients and shareholders day in and day out.”

Ahern is responsible for loan operations, Bank Secrecy Act and compliance. She has nearly 20 years of banking experience, having previously worked for Milton National Bank and Omni National Bank. Away from work, Ahern enjoys spending time at the beach, reading and cooking. She and her husband Michael have a son and live in Chamblee.

Freeman also notes that the bank recently promoted Renee Hinkson to Controller; she previously served as Accounting Manager and Banking Officer. Like Ahern, Hinkson joined the bank during its start-up phase.

Private Bank of Buckhead (www.PrivateBankofBuckhead.com) brings a private banking approach to all clients across all functions of the bank. The bank also is designated a Preferred Lender by the U.S. Small Business Administration. It is located in Piedmont Center (Building Three).

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