

Commerce Street Capital Hires Three Notable Professionals

DALLAS, TX (July 6, 2009) Commerce Street Capital, LLC, (CSC) and its affiliated group of companies specialize in investment banking, fund management and bank development. The firm continues to expand its capabilities to better serve its clients and is pleased to announce the addition of the following professionals to its team:

- **Bobby Hashaway** has joined CSC as executive vice president. He will utilize his visionary, strategic and tactical financial expertise to support the firm's growth. He is the past chairman, president and CEO of Prosper Bank, a Texas state banking association. Hashaway has more than thirty years of progressive business experience in banking and private equity, and is also a certified public accountant.
- **Tom Lykos** has been appointed as general counsel at CSC. He has an extensive background in the bank regulatory arena as a former deputy director of the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation where he designed and implemented the "Southwest Plan" as a resolution to the savings and loan crisis. Lykos was also former counsel to the Senate Banking Committee. Previously, he was head of the Financial Institutions Group at a regional investment bank.



Both Hashaway and Lykos will assist in CSC's ongoing efforts to identify strategic bank investment candidates that are: 1) clean, proven banks that can increase market share, and 2) turnaround banks with unique opportunities.

- **Brian DeFee** has been hired as managing director to lead the marketing efforts of its fund management division. DeFee has an extensive network of institutional investors, investment consultants and fund-of-funds managers. Prior to joining CSC he was vice president-investment management at Capital Dynamics in its San Francisco office. DeFee will be part of CSC's team that generates unique investment opportunities by leveraging their deep knowledge of the industry and extensive network of bank owners and managers across the United States.



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