

Commerce Street Capital Promotes Derek Cunningham to Managing Director

DALLAS, TX (June 10, 2010) Commerce Street Capital LLC, an asset management and advisory firm serving financial institutions, recently promoted Atlanta-based team member Derek Cunningham to managing director of bank development from senior vice president. This announcement was made today by William D. "Tex" Gross, Founder of Commerce Street Capital.



Cunningham is responsible for national new business development and has grown the bank development team from a Southeastern-focused group to a national player in the capital markets arena. Prior to this assignment Derek was a senior vice president at SAMCO Capital Markets where he was credited for raising more than \$260 million for community banks throughout the U.S. with a 100 percent success rate for the capital campaigns.

Prior to his tenure at SAMCO, Derek worked with Southeast Financial Holdings, in Atlanta, consulting with community banks on capital planning and asset quality. From 2001 to 2004, Derek founded Cunningham & Associates, a Jacksonville, Fla., franchise operation for Vector Marketing of New York. Out of 95 offices, his company was the No. 1 first-year franchise in total revenue in the Southeast. Derek also was the No. 1 sales representative, out of nearly 900 contenders, in the state of Georgia for Vector in 2000.

Derek earned a Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing from the University of Georgia. He also attended Louisiana State University's Graduate School of Banking and holds multiple securities licenses.

About Commerce Street Capital

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