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Barton joins Alliance Bank's Tucson Real Estate team

TUCSON, Ariz. – Alliance Bank of Arizona President and CEO **Jim Lundy** announced that **Sandra Barton** has joined the bank as vice president and senior real estate loan officer at the bank's Tucson Swan office.

"Sandra Barton is an outstanding addition to our commercial real estate team in Tucson," said Lundy. "She is a veteran banker and understands the market very well. Her knowledge and expertise in working with customer relationship management and commercial real estate will be a great asset to our Tucson clients."

Barton will focus on commercial and residential construction loans, acquisition and development loans along with term loans, to real estate investors and developers in the greater Tucson market. She joins Alliance Bank of Arizona with more than 20 years of banking and commercial real estate lending experience, most recently, with Bank of America.

Barton is a graduate of the University of Arizona and received a B.S. Degree in Finance. She is active in the Tucson community serving in the Sahuaro Girl Scout Council as a troop co-leader and the League of Mexican American Women.

Barton is located at Alliance Bank's Tucson Swan Office at 4703 E. Camp Lowell Drive. The office phone is 520.784.6000.

Founded in 2003, Alliance Bank has quickly become one of the fastest-growing banks in the U.S. with total assets of \$886 million, total deposits of \$733 million and total loans of \$682 million (as of 3/31/09). Alliance Bank is a "super community" commercial bank with local decision-making, focused on Arizona's business and professional community, along with individuals seeking personalized banking service. Alliance Bank now has 11 offices statewide including Phoenix, Scottsdale, Mesa, Tucson, Flagstaff and Sedona. For more information, visit the Alliance Bank of Arizona web site at alliancebankofarizona.com.

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