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Alliance Bank names Stannard assistant vice president

PHOENIX – Alliance Bank of Arizona President and CEO **Jim Lundy** announced this week the promotion of **Noelle Stannard** to assistant vice president at the bank’s Phoenix Biltmore office.

Stannard is the deposit relationship officer for the bank’s Special Deposit Services group. Her responsibilities include coordinating the bank’s capital markets desk, the WAL Tree/CDARS FDIC insurance program and the implementation of special projects for the bank. With 13 years of bank experience, her background includes operations, treasury management and commercial lending.

Stannard joined Alliance Bank of Arizona in 2006 as part of the bank’s expansion team in northern Arizona. For the past two years, she has worked out of the bank’s Flagstaff office and recently relocated to Phoenix. A native of Arizona, Stannard received a B.A. from Arizona State University.

Founded in 2003, Alliance Bank has quickly become one of the fastest-growing banks in the U.S. with total assets of \$800 million, total deposits of \$657 million and total loans of \$610 million (as of 6/30/08). 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.

Alliance Bank of Arizona is a subsidiary of Western Alliance Bancorporation, one of the largest regional bank holding companies in the country with more than \$5 billion in assets.