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Jessica Amell promoted to Personal Banker and Lender

SOUTH BURLINGTON, VT—Thomas S. Leavitt, Executive Vice President of Merchants Bank announced the appointment of Jessica Amell to Personal Banker and Lender of the Northfield office of Merchants Bank. She joins a team that includes: Doreen Allen, Branch President; Susan Ricker, Personal Banker/Lender; Pam Sauvageau, Personal Banker; and Pam Boyce, Personal Banker.

Amell began her career with Merchants Bank as a Personal Banker in January of 2004. Prior to her former employment with Merchants Bank, she was in sales at the Northfield News. Amell is a graduate of Randolph Technical Center.

A lifetime resident of Northfield, Amell enjoys gardening and spending time with her family, especially her daughter, Kayla.

“I look forward to continuing my work at Merchants Bank and serving the community,” commented Amell.



Jessica Amell

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