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**Maryann E. Russell Appointed to Branch President, Merchants Bank**

*SOUTH BURLINGTON, VT*—Thomas S. Leavitt, Executive Vice President of Merchants Bank announced the appointment of Maryann E. Russell to the position of Branch President for the Shelburne Road, South Burlington branch.

Russell began her employment at Merchants Bank in June 2002 as a Customer Service Representative in the Bank's Customer Call Center. In October of that year Russell was assigned to the newly created position of Floater Supervisor. She has also served in interim assignments as acting Branch President. In July 2005, Russell was appointed Branch Operations Manager and was appointed by the Board of Directors to the officer title of Assistant Vice President.

"Maryann's contributions have been significant. She has earned the respect of the organization, and I am confident she will effectively manage the larger responsibilities associated with her new position," said Leavitt.

"I am excited about the challenges my new role will bring. I am looking forward to helping the customers at our Shelburne Road location with all of their banking needs," commented Russell.



## **Maryann E. Russell**

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