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## **ERIC PAUL APPOINTED EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT BY FIRSTRUST BANK**

**Conshohocken, PA (October 28, 2013)** – Firsttrust Bank announced Eric Paul was promoted to Executive Vice President. His previous position at the financial institution was Senior Vice President. Mr. Paul continues to work directly for Timothy J. Abell, President.

With Firsttrust since 2002, Mr. Paul previously served as Chief Credit Officer with responsibilities that included chairing the credit committee and managing risk within the loan portfolio. “Eric has done an excellent job as our Chief Credit Officer and he is very deserving of this promotion” says Timothy J. Abell, President of Firsttrust Bank.

Mr. Paul has been in commercial banking for 27 years. He began his career at Mellon Bank followed by Meridian Bank where he served in a variety of lending areas from small business to large corporate as well as managing the cash management sales team. Prior to joining Firsttrust, Mr. Paul was Chief Credit Officer for Main Street Bank in Reading, later purchased by Sovereign Bank.

Mr. Paul earned his degree in Business Administration and Economics from Grove City College and his M.B.A. from Lehigh University.

### **About Firsttrust Bank**

Founded in 1934 and currently in its third generation of family ownership, Firsttrust is a privately-held bank with assets of \$2.5 billion. Safe and Sound for more than 79 years, Firsttrust is a Small Business Administration (SBA) preferred lender, and provides both retail and commercial services through its 20 banking offices located in Bucks, Burlington, Chester, Lehigh, Montgomery and Philadelphia counties. Continuing to meet the needs of its customers, Firsttrust offers a wide variety of deposit products, consumer and business loan options, residential and commercial real estate mortgages and cash-management products. For more information, visit [firsttrust.com](http://firsttrust.com) or call 800-220-BANK. Member FDIC.

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