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Christopher R. Venner Joins Union Bank's Commercial Lending Team in Williston

Morrisville, VT – David Silverman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Union Bank, is pleased to welcome Christopher R. Venner to the position of Senior Vice President, Commercial Loan Officer, at the bank's Williston office. "Chris' track record of success in the financial services industry, as well as his ability to deliver a superior customer experience, are assets for both the commercial lending team and the organization as a whole," commented Silverman. According to Silverman, "Chris is well-versed in all aspects of commercial lending and sales development and has a solid understanding of the bank's Chittenden and Lamoille county markets. He joins a team of eleven other experienced commercial lenders as we continue to grow to meet our commercial customers' needs by providing great products, exceptional personal service and local decision-making."



Chris has over fifteen years of commercial banking experience in New England, living in Vermont for the past eleven years with his two children in Essex Junction. After earning his B.S. in finance from Providence College, Chris lived in Boston, MA working for seven years in banking and finance. Since moving to Vermont, Chris has worked for two large regional banks in private banking and wealth management roles with a focus on commercial real estate transactions. Chris is a member of the Holy Family / St. Lawrence Parish Finance Council, has been actively involved in the annual Lake Champlain Dragon Boat Festival and is a soccer coach in the Essex Recreational Soccer League.

Union Bank, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Union Bankshares, Inc. (UNB, traded on the NASDAQ Exchange), has been helping people buy homes and local businesses create jobs in area communities since 1891. Headquartered in Morrisville, VT, Union Bank is a full service bank offering deposit, loan, trust and commercial banking services throughout northern Vermont and northwestern New Hampshire. Union Bank has earned an outstanding reputation for residential lending programs and is an SBA Preferred Lender. Union Bank has received an "Outstanding" rating for its compliance with the Community Reinvestment Act (CRA). An institution in this group has an excellent record of helping to meet the credit needs of its assessment area, particularly in low-and moderate income neighborhoods, in a manner consistent with its resources and capabilities.

Proud to be one of the few community banks serving Vermont and New Hampshire, Union Bank maintains a strong commitment to traditional banking values. In particular, Union Bank is dedicated to providing genuine customer service and community support, including donations to local nonprofit organizations. These values—combined with financial expertise, quality products and the latest technology—make Union Bank the premier choice for your banking services, both personal and commercial. Union Bank currently maintains 18 banking offices, 2 loan centers and multiple ATMs. Member FDIC. Equal Housing Lender.