

News Release

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***Wilmington Trust Hires Lead Commercial Banking Professional for
Southern Delaware/Maryland Eastern Shore
Tom Mears to lead southern Delaware/Maryland Eastern Shore market***

Wilmington, DE, July 8, 2010 – Wilmington Trust announced today that it has hired W. Thomas Mears, as vice president and market manager for southern Delaware and on the Eastern Shore of Maryland.

Mr. Mears brings more than 20 years of experience in sales and credit management in both retail and commercial banking to this newly created position. He will lead Wilmington Trust's lending to commercial, financial, and agricultural (CF&A) clients and oversee wealth advisory services throughout Kent and Sussex counties in Delaware, as well as areas on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, including Salisbury and Ocean City. Mr. Mears will report to Jack E. Steil, president of the Mid-Atlantic Region.

"Tom is a veteran banker who knows these markets and the businesses that operate in them well," said Mr. Steil. "His presence at Wilmington Trust will be an asset to our organization and to our clients as we continue growing in the region."

Prior to joining Wilmington Trust, Mr. Mears served as regional president and market executive for PNC Bank. Mr. Mears earned a bachelor's degree from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and has attended the University of Maryland Banking School and the Commercial Banking School at the University of Oklahoma. Mr. Mears is a member of the board of directors of United Way of the Lower Eastern Shore, where he was also a past president, the Foundation Board for Atlantic General Hospital, and the Greater Salisbury Committee. He is also a troop leader for the Boy Scouts of

America, Cub Scouts Pack 267 and a past member of the Ocean City (Maryland) Chamber of Commerce board of directors.

Wilmington Trust's business focus throughout the mid-Atlantic region, which includes Delaware and parts of Maryland, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania, is on providing specialized commercial banking and wealth advisory services for clients with family owned and closely held businesses of up to \$250 million in annual sales. Wilmington Trust provides commercial banking and wealth advisory services for clients using a team approach that pairs commercial bankers with wealth advisors. These teams address clients' needs as they establish their businesses and their families' wealth management needs as their businesses prosper.

Wilmington Trust Corporation (NYSE: WL) is a financial services holding company that provides Regional Banking services throughout the mid-Atlantic region, Wealth Advisory services to high-net-worth clients in 36 countries, and Corporate Client services to institutional clients in 89 countries. Its wholly owned bank subsidiary, Wilmington Trust Company, which was founded in 1903, is one of the largest personal trust providers in the United States and the leading retail and commercial bank in Delaware. Wilmington Trust Corporation and its affiliates have offices in Arizona, California, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Vermont, the Cayman Islands, the Channel Islands, London, Dublin, Frankfurt, Luxembourg, and Amsterdam. For more information, visit www.wilmingtontrust.com.

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